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Abdo Yamani says Food subsidies increase 275 %

RIYADH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Government food subsidies soared to 275 per cent for the first half of this year compared with the same period last year, Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani said Wednesday.

He said that food subsidies in the first six months of this year totaled SR 1.5 billion, against SR 800 million for the whole of the year before.

The minister credited the government's internal trade policy for its "great efforts in providing citizens and pilgrims with abundant commodities and at competitive prices."

Dr. Yamani added that the government will continue to subsidize basic foodstuffs, including rice, fats, oil, meat, dairy products and fodder.

He cited as an example the subsidy of 2.5 riyals per kilogram of powdered milk.

The minister said the subsidy program has also contributed to reducing the prices of basic food items. The cost of living has been dropping at the rate of 1.6 per cent from the record in 1978.

Dr. Yamani said the food subsidies, introduced in 1973, will be maintained as long as the prices of imported commodities remain high.

"Subsidies are an expression of the government's desire to reduce the cost of living and to stabilize economic and social structures in the Kingdom," the minister said. He added that several commodities were being sold at below the official prices as a result of over supply and competition.

The minister paid tribute to the private sector "which receives government support." The private sector, he said, had increased its investment in transport, distribution and stockpiling under government supervision.

Meanwhile, the state has invested heavily in port development to solve the problem of congestion. The Kingdom's ports were expanded and improved and the number of

Syrians continue pullback

DAMASCUS, Dec. 10 (AP) — Syria has roughly withdrawn two-thirds of its military forces from Jordan's northern border and plans to finish the pull-back of 50,000 troops and 1,200 tanks by Friday, official sources

Sauditech concludes business

By Gregory Llewellyn
Al Khobar Bureau

AL-KHOBAR, Dec. 10 — Sauditech '80, the first international industrial exposition to be held in Saudi Arabia, is winding down its business Wednesday at Al Khobar's Algosaihi Metropolitan Hotel.

During the fair, which was held in conjunction with an industrial development conference under the patronage of Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi, minister of industry and electricity, 350 exhibitors shared 200 booths to display technical wares as diverse as forklifts and solar energy installations.

The Algosaihi Hotel at which the exposition was held used for the first time ever its recently finished SR7 million exhibition hall to accommodate some of the exhibitors who came principally from the United States, Italy, Britain, and this country.

During the two-day conference, talks were delivered by Ron F. Hommedieu, project director of Yanbu industrial township; Dr. R. Roberts, chairman of the International Technology Group of the U.K. Board of

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DEPARTURE: Crown Prince Fahd concluded a two-day official visit to Pakistan and left for home Wednesday. The crown prince and President Zia of Pakistan are seen above saluting a military band playing the national anthems of the two nations.

Brezhnev proposes ban on foreign Gulf bases

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10 (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev Wednesday proposed a "hands off the Gulf" pact to the United States and other countries under which all outside military bases in the area would be banned.

The Soviet president, speaking to members of the Indian parliament, said he was putting forward a five-point "Doctrine of Peace and Security" under which all powers would pledge not to interfere with free use of the sea lanes between the Gulf and the rest of the world.

The pact would also ban the deployment of nuclear weapons in the area, and involve pledges by all states not to interfere in the Gulf countries' internal affairs.

Outside powers would have to pledge they would respect the nonaligned status of Gulf countries and not draw them into military groupings with the participation of nuclear powers.

They would also promise to respect each country's sovereign right to its own natural resources.

Brezhnev introduced his proposal by saying the Gulf area and the Indian Ocean were becoming an increasingly dangerous seat of international tension. In a clear reference to the United States, he said "powers situated at a distance of many thousands of kilometers from this area have concentrated here a military armada and are vigorously building up armaments, widening the network of their military bases, exerting pressure on and threatening the small countries which refuse to trail in their wake."

Attempts to justify these actions by a "Soviet threat" to Gulf oil were a pure invention, he said. "The USSR has no intention of

Malaysia warns people of drift from Islam

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 10 (AFP) — The Malaysian government has launched a campaign to alert the Muslim population of this southeast Asian country against the danger of drifting from accepted Islamic teachings.

The government fears that a recent rise in Muslim extremism could upset the delicate balance in a country where Islam is the official religion but where the population is both religiously and racially mixed. A high-level committee of ministers and Islamic scholars has been set up to study the problem of "devianism" and to recommend measures to prevent the spreading of teachings by extremist groups.

Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn referred to the dangerous activities of religious extremists recently, saying that "Islam has

Reagan names aides today

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 — President-elect Reagan is planning to announce at least two major cabinet appointments Thursday — probably secretary of defense and attorney general — transition sources said. Former cabinet official Caspar Weinberger, now vice president of Bechtel Corporation, is expected to be named to the defense post, and Reagan's personal attorney, William French Smith, is the probable choice for attorney general, the top position at the Justice Department.

Senate Democrats have threatened to challenge Haig's appointment in the required Senate confirmation hearings, because of alleged improprieties on his part in connection with the Watergate scandal. Haig was President Nixon's chief of staff during the Watergate period.

Wriston, for his part, is unlikely to get the treasury job because of possible conflict-of-interest problems.

Israel, S.Africa hold 'cordial talks'

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10 (AP) — Owen Horwood, South Africa's finance minister, held a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin during a week of talks with Israeli officials on trade and economic matters. The meeting in Begin's office Tuesday which wasn't on Horwood's schedule when he arrived Monday, cast a spotlight on Israel's ties with Pretoria which often have been criticized in the United Nations.

Horwood told an Israel radio interviewer his initial round of meetings with Finance Minister Yigal Harvitz had been "very good and cordial" dealing with trade, investment and economic development prospects. "I hope before I leave at the end of the week we will be able to make more specific announcements," Horwood said.

The *Jerusalem Post* reported that Horwood's meeting with Begin had been scheduled only after a strenuous debate between Begin's office and the foreign minister because of its potential adverse impact on Israel's effort to improve relations with black African states.

Fahd-Zia communique Foreign troops must withdraw

By Shahid Orazai
Special Correspondent

LAHORE, Dec. 10 — Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have called for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories. They also expressed the hope that the deliberations at the forthcoming Islamic summit at Mecca would contribute to the strength and solidarity of the Muslims.

A joint communique issued here Wednesday night at the end of the official visit of Crown Prince Fahd to Pakistan said that both sides examined in depth the grave crises that had developed in the region due to the continued foreign military presence in Afghanistan. Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Islamic conference of foreign ministers and the United Nations, in particular the General Assembly resolution of Nov. 20, 1980, the two sides called upon the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops immediately from Afghanistan.

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They expressed grave concern at the deteriorating situation in the Middle East as a result of Israeli intransigence, and affirmed that a just and lasting peace could not be realized without total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, in particular al Quds (Jerusalem). They supported the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to establish an independent state on their own soil under the leadership of their sole and legitimate representative, the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The two sides expressed satisfaction that this position was receiving increased acceptance by the international community to take effective measures to halt the systematic campaign of terror and persecution waged by the unlawful Zionist entity

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Salman inspects Al-Wasie project

RIYADH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Wednesday inspected Al-Wasie project, 110 kilometers east of here. The project will supply 200,000 cubic litres (or 52 million gallons) of water a day to the capital's residents when completed.

BRIEFS

Railway trip ends

DHAHRAN, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Director General of Railways Sheikh Faisal Al Suhail returned here Wednesday from a trip that covered Pakistan, India, Australia and the Philippines.

Airline representatives gather

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Airline representatives in the country held a meeting with Sayed Qabbani, assistant general manager for foreign affairs at Saudia. They discussed the Rules of Procedure of the airlines council and elected the manager of Kuwait Airways here as vice-president.

Training graduates honored

ABQAIQ, Dec. 10 (SPA) — The telephone training center here Wednesday held a party for a graduating class of skilled personnel. The course, which took 50 days, included installation and connections.

Garbage to be gardens

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — The municipality has decided to turn all garbage dumping grounds into gardens beginning early next year, according to municipal sources. This will involve the construction of 50 gardens in the city while the municipality launches a campaign to clean up the city.

Newspapers banned

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — The Chief of Police of Jeddah, Lt. Brig. Faisal Muhammad Al Harithy, has banned all newspapers from all offices and police stations throughout the city during working hours attention of the staff may be devoted to serving the public.

The prince will be accompanied by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, and other officials from related departments.

Wasie project has been designed in such a manner as to make it possible to boost its capacity by 50 per cent whenever the need arises. And during such expansion work no component of the project would be stopped from functioning. A housing complex adjacent to the project area will accommodate 3,000 workers. The project was split into several contracts including one for well drilling, one for a pumping station, one for the housing complex and one for the installation of pipes and the electricity transmission cables. To date 62 wells have been dug with 400-500 meters depth in addition to another four "control" wells.

The project calls for the installation of two 96 kilometer parallel pipelines with a 1,100 millimeter diameter from the site to four reservoirs near Riyadh. The first is a 25,000 cubic meter reservoir at Wasie purification plant. The second is located at Al-Alya region, 35 kilometers from the capital and has a 2,500 cubic meter capacity. The third is a 150,000 cubic meter subterranean reservoir at Al-Rawda district. The fourth is a 640 cubic meter high reservoir again at Al-Rawda. In addition, 62 electric pumps each having a capacity of 35 liter/second will be installed at depths of around 500 meters.

Firm finishes pipeline

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — Binladen, GTM, a joint venture of Binladen of Saudi Arabia and Grands Travaux de Marseille of France performed the turn key project for the Saline Water Conversion Corporation.

The project consisted of the 176 kilometer pipeline and two pumping stations by GMT at a cost of SR402,200. The project was dedicated on 18/01/1401 by King Khaled two months ahead of schedule.



EXHIBITION: Chinese traders try to cash their chips in the Kingdom

Chinese businessmen move trade fair to Jeddah

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — A Chinese trade fair opened by Mecca Governor Prince Majed in Jeddah Tuesday attracted a large number of visitors, mainly businessmen. The exhibition displays products from 51 Chinese companies, ranging from

carved wood furniture, to textiles and handicrafts. Last week Chinese exhibitors received about SR16 million worth of orders during their first trade show in Riyadh. Before leaving for home Chinese exporters will also show their wares in Taif and Dammam.

The Jeddah show closes on Dec. 18. It is

open for the public between 9 to 12 a.m. and between 4 to 8 p.m. at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Foreign Trade Development Organization of the Republic of China and organized here by Lo Loon, a minister at the Chinese

Embassy.

Other products at the show include building materials, canned foods, clothes and recreational goods. Trade between the Kingdom and the Republic of China has increased from \$36 million in 1971 to \$1.3 billion last year, according to embassy officials.

U.N. envoy blasts Zionists

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory and recognition of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights are a pre-requisite for an overall settlement of the Middle East problem, Saudi Ambassador to the United Nations, Jafar Al-Laqqani, told the U.N. General Assembly Tuesday.

Israel is persisting with its challenge to the decisions of the world body, disregarding justice and humanity. It is indulging in the worst forms of violence in the territories it is occupying, Laqqani said. He added that the majority of world countries were aware of Israel's real face, but despite this fact "some countries" continued to support the racist international Zionist movement.

The ambassador urged the Security Council to apply against Israel the sanctions provided for in Chapter VII of the U.N. Charter for its failure to abide by the organization's decisions. He also called for a halt to remaining outside support to Israeli aggression. "As long as Israel does not honor the United Nations resolutions, the Middle East will remain a scene of violence," he said.

Laqqani pointed out that the Palestinian problem cannot be dissociated from the Middle East problem. Israel, he said, is trying to gain world sympathy by claiming that abstention from supporting it would lead to the persecution of Jews by the Arabs. But the

Israelis know, he added, that throughout history Arabs have been more tolerant and compassionate than others toward the Jews. He said that it is high time for decisive measures to be taken since resolutions are no longer sufficient.

Mosque conference planned for Mecca

MECCA, Dec. 10 — Mecca Governor Prince Majed bin Abdul Aziz will represent King Khaled at the opening of the sixth session of the World Council of Mosques here early next year, according to Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League.

Sheikh Harakan said the council will discuss a number of topics dealing with the role of mosques in Muslim life. It will also discuss the work of the mosques, their repair and raising the standard of imams and muezzins specially in Europe and Africa.

The government, he said, had paid its contribution toward the budget which amounted to SR15 million per year. King Khaled donated SR3 million and Sheikh Zayed president of the United Arab Emirates, SR1 million, while the Ruler of Kuwait sent a check for SR250,000.

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4,000 detained

Police deport illegal aliens

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — More than 4,000 aliens without residence permits have been detained and deported to date from Mecca and Jeddah at the start of a campaign to get rid of "overstayers," according to Brigadier Abdul Hafedh, commander of a unit specially detailed to carry out the assignment.

Men of the unit inquire about permits in some areas of the cities and make sure that those who have them also carry them on their persons. Those who don't are punished and those without permits are taken together and immediately deported.

Brig. Abdul Hafedh said clear instructions were made by Interior Minister Prince Naif to weed out the overstayers and penalize those nationals who "conceal" them. Arrested aliens and their families are accommodated in decent places until the time comes for their departure, he added.

December 22 is the deadline for the departure of dependants who had entered the Kingdom on visit visas after August 20, unless they meet certain criteria permitting

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al Amoudi
Al Medina

Most pets in the civilized countries receive such good treatment, kindness and food that millions of people in the Third World don't get. I was told that every pet in the United States and Europe is assured of expert medical treatment and if this is not adequate, of advanced and specialist attention. At the same time the people in Africa and Asia have not heard of doctors and quite a few do not know the way to the hospital if such a facility exists.

Dogs in Europe are offered delicious and expensive food including meat and cheese while thousands of people in countries like India are starving. Tadi tamper in Paris, who are always bad tempered, refuse to let human passengers sit next to them, but they will be delighted to accommodate a dog. In the U.S. there will be a lot of screaming if a dog is beaten up, but they will overlook the thrashing of a black or yellow man.

I think it is alright to be nice to a pet, but to let him or her sit next to you at the dining table is a mockery of humanity. I was amused to read the other day that an Englishman named John Burton has opened a luxury hotel specially for dogs complete with individual rooms, dining rooms, sitting rooms, and a varied fare of food including steaks, soups, tea eggs and dessert. Although he denied that he was also supplying his guests with the daily newspapers, he admitted that he was providing central heating, to all rooms and public places.

The House of Lords has already condemned such waste and I think it is unfair to have such a place when the people outside the hotel are suffering untold agonies. I am sure that the people in the Third World will be ignored even if they ask to be able to live just like dogs or even certain cockroaches.

expatriate families to stay with their breadwinner.

Overstayers will be held at departure points and prevented from leaving the country until their guardians or sponsors are located and penalized by up to six weeks imprisonment and SR10,000 fine — followed by deportation. The ministry also asked pilgrims and umra performers to leave the country as soon as they have completed their rituals. Those who stay behind will be liable to punishment along with anyone who gives them work or shelter or keeps them in hiding.

In a televised interview the Undersecretary of the Interior Ministry, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Awaji said those who entered the country illegally and lured by promises from local crooks should report to the nearest police station to explain their plight. But they too will be deported. Security men already have arrested some crooks who used to extort unwary foreign workers eager to come here for work.

Towards the end of August this year the ministry announced new regulations to control the influx of families into the country by specifying categories of expatriates entitled to bring wives and children. Categories include university professors, teachers, doctors, pharmacists, veterinary surgeons and others of similar caliber.

Said the ministry, "Eager to curb the influx of foreigners into Kingdom, the ministry is restricting their presence to productive personnel required by some sectors here without being joined by their families, except for certain circumstances of professional specializations, like medicine and engineering."



Prince Majed

Relations discussed

Majed meets Djibouti leader

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed paid a call Tuesday evening at the Sheraton hotel here to President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti, who is on a private visit to Saudi Arabia. Their discussions dealt with the fraternal relations between the two countries.

Attending the meeting were Adnan Sheikh Hassan, Djibouti's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and Sheikh Salem Sunbul, the chief of the Foreign Ministry's protocol department.

Earlier in the evening, Prince Majed opened a Chinese trade fair at Jeddah's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He joined the exhibition and was shown

models of advanced industrial test laboratories. He expressed his admiration for the items on display and said he hoped that China's industrial advance will serve bilateral relations.

The opening ceremony was attended by Jeddah District Commissioner Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Sheikh Salem, Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, director general of Jeddah's chamber, and members of the Chinese embassy in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Majed, next Monday, will open the cultural season of King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah. He will reply to various queries by the students in presence of the rector, Dr. Abdullah Nassif.

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Welfare society increases scholars' awards

RIYADH, Dec. 10 — The King Faisal Welfare Society has decided to increase the prize money awarded to distinguished scholars from SR 50,000 each to SR 300,000 effective this year, according to informed sources.

The sources said that in addition to the three awards for service, to Islam, Arabic literature and writings on Islam, there will be a fourth one for scientific achievement which will be awarded a prize of SR250,000.

The society was founded by the sons of the late King Faisal, but the board of directors includes other men. It was set up in 1976 and holds annual functions for the award ceremony. At a meeting earlier this year it approved a budget of SR 321 million for 1981. Last year it carried out projects amounting to SR 234 million. Besides the awards it extends assistance to Islamic

charities, educational programs and invests in solar energy research in the United States. Last year's budget included investments of SR 40 million in long-term projects with a cultural center that has a mosque, a library, archives, a research center and a museum.

Nazer meets athletes

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer dwelt Tuesday on the role of private citizens in the country's development plans. He was giving a lecture at Al-Itihad Sporting Club here about the Third Development Plan.

Sheikh Hisham said that while the state planned and built, the citizens have an equal responsibility to share in preserving their moral and cultural values and patterns as well as their new property.

about the life of King Faisal who ruled the country from 1964 to 1975.

The society invested SR 156 in real estate, SR 59 million in agriculture and animal husbandry, SR 45 million in industrial projects and SR 6 million in special departmental expenses. The biggest projects were the building of the society's center and the Khazam hotel, which it owns.

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Call for Israeli withdrawal

Turkey, Jordan stress rights of Palestinians

ANKARA, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — A joint Turkish-Jordanian communique has called for total Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied since 1967 including Jerusalem. Following an official visit to Jordan Tuesday, Turkey's Foreign Minister Iler Turkmen and his Jordanian counterpart Marwan Kasim agreed that finding a comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem is as urgent as ever.

They emphasized that there are certain basic principles which constitute the necessary basis for attainment of a just and lasting peace, listing total Israeli withdrawal from land occupied in 1967 and recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people including their rights to self-determination.

Past Turkish governments in the early 70s had often called for an Israeli pullout as a solution to Middle East problems. The new military leaders made no changes in this policy. But they went one step further with the decision last week to withdraw Turkish dip-

lomats with the exception of one second secretary from Israel and to maintain diplomatic relations at only a symbolic level. The Turkish government also requested that Israel reduce its delegation in Ankara to only a second secretary. In August, Turkey closed its consulate in Jerusalem.

On Tuesday, Turkmen held talks with King Hussein. The Turkish minister affirmed that his country would work toward strengthening friendly relations with all Arab countries. Turkmen has also visited Saudi Arabia and held discussions with Somali, Iraqi and Egyptian officials.

Turkmen said his government "agreed with Jordan's stand toward the Palestinian question and assured the Palestinian people's national legitimate rights and the establishment of an independent state."

On the Iran-Iraq war, Turkmen said Turkey was "totally neutral," despite the fact that Turkey allows the transport of food supplies to Iran through Turkey.

Egypt warns Libya against military move

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Egypt has again warned Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi against mounting any military operation on their common border. Kamal Hassan Ali, the Egyptian deputy premier responsible for defense and foreign affairs, said in an interview published in *Al-Ahram* newspaper that "the deployment of certain Egyptian forces along the border with Libya was meant as a warning to Col. Qaddafi not to attempt a new aggression against Egypt."

The new Egyptian "warning" follows a recent threat by Qaddafi contained in an interview with the British magazine *Now*, that he would launch a military operation in the "eastern Sahara" (Egyptian desert) if Egyptian President Anwar Sadat did not cease his aid to Chad.

Ali said Egypt "could not remain silent when faced by the dangerous situation brought about by the occupation of part of Chad by Libya."

He also said Egypt did not seek to overthrow the Libyan regime as "the Libyan people were quite capable of standing up to Qaddafi."



Kamal Hassan Ali

Fierce fighting subsides in Chad

KOUSSERI, Northern Cameroun, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Fighting in the Chadian capital of N'Djamena slackened overnight following two days of some of the fiercest clashes in the nine-month civil war, observers in this border town said here.

Mortar fire could once again be heard early Wednesday but the rate of fire was well down on that of previous days, when as many as ten explosions a minute could be heard, the observers added.

The first news broadcast of the day from a radio station controlled by rebel Defense Minister Hissene Habre however spoke of "violent clashes in the north and the northeast of the capital."

The forces of Chadian President Goukouni Weddey, who has been fighting Habre for control of the capital since March, Tuesday continued a major drive that it launched against Habre's positions late on Sunday.

Weddey's forces, according to eyewitnesses here watching the conflict on the opposite bank of the River Chari, were supported by armored vehicles, helicopters and artillery fire.

There was however no independent confirmation of reports from Habre's side that Libyan troops and tanks were fighting alongside the president's forces.

The eyewitnesses here, who put the number of shells fired in the capital since Sunday at 10,000 saw three armored vehicles fire at Habre's positions for almost 30 minutes Tuesday near the customs post on the Chadian side of the river.

Israeli pullout, Arab rights vital for peace, Finland says

HELSINKI, Dec. 10 (Special) — Finland has reiterated its policy on the Middle East which calls for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem and the rights of all states in the region to live in peace.

A policy statement issued by the foreign ministry on the country's national day this week said that "political interest cannot be separated from economic involvement."

"No country can today pretend to be fully independent of events in the Middle East," the statement added.

"The immense economic interests related to this area have made the world to realize that political stability and peace in the Middle East are essential presuppositions to international security and well-being," it said.

The statement said that Finland was no exception in this regard. The 1970s was a period of rapid development in "our relations with the Middle East," especially in the economic field, and we have every reason to believe in the continuity of this trend. But certainly this would be promoted by peaceful and stable conditions in the region.

"Finland's long-time participation in the U.N. peace keeping operations in the Middle East" shows that efforts to achieve a lasting and just peace in the area belong to tradition.

national features in Finland's foreign policy," it added.

The statement called for a comprehensive solution based on the principles of the U.N. Security Council resolutions of 242 and 338. "Accordingly, Israel has to withdraw from territories occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem, and the right of all states in the region to live in peace within secure and recognized borders must be guaranteed."

It said that a just lasting settlement presupposes that the legitimate national rights of the Palestinians, including their right to national self-determination, must be materialized.

It has been, and is, "our policy to maintain contacts and continuously to exchange opinions with the representatives of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. We have thus recognized the PLO as the most significant representative of the Palestinians. Therefore, we support the right of the PLO to participate in the negotiations on the implementation of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians in the context of any efforts to achieve the final and lasting solution to the Middle East problem," it said.

On the conflict between Iraq and Iran, Finland expressed the hope that a peaceful solution could be found.

Israel frees 106 Egyptian prisoners

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (R) — Egypt said that Israel had released 106 Egyptian prisoners as the two countries started talks Tuesday on normalizing relations.

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said his country had submitted a list of 206 Egyptians in Israeli prisons for various offenses, but only 112 had so far been released. Six prisoners were released early this year, he said.

The announcement came as Egyptian and Israeli ambassadors continued their first

meeting here Tuesday on normalizing relations between the two countries.

The two days of low-level talks are led by Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben Elissar and Egyptian Foreign Ministry Ambassador Hassan Al-Rashwan.

Al-Rashwan said the two delegations were discussing trade between their countries. They were also discussing tourism and studying all problems affecting the normalization process, he said.

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After travels through Muslim world

Writer lobbies support for Afghan fighters

By Donnie Radcliffe
WASHINGTON, (WP) — Once he traveled with a group of nomads, now and then hitching a ride on a horse and succeeding only because the tribe felt sorry for him. Once he rode in the rear of a truck, categorized as cargo.

James Michener, who was not to publish *Caravans* until nine years later, hasn't returned ("I never dared do that again") after leaving Afghanistan in 1954 for the third time. But neither did he ever get over wanting to.

"Anyone trained in the traditions of the bible or Greek and Roman history must realize that life there was much as it had been 2,500 years ago and that is alluring," says Michener, the historian-storyteller.

That is why Michener affixed his name last February to a small committee of Afghan supporters starting, like caravans themselves, to move into Washington, a Mecca of hope for exiles.

With one 36-hour period this week, for instance, talk of Afghanistan and its Russian occupation dominated a Washington neighborhood wine and cheese party, an ad hoc meeting of U.S. Senators, a Capitol Hill press conference, a Smithsonian lecture, a National Press Club Newsmaker breakfast and a visit to Henry Kissinger by two former University of Kabul professors.

It was pure coincidence that Sayd Bahoudin Majrooh and Saduddin Shpoon should arrive in Washington at the very moment the Afghanistan Relief Committee was calling attention to its own work. In fact, Majrooh and Shpoon, pleading for military and political pressure against the Soviets on behalf of Afghan resistance fighters, never met Michener or others busily engaged in raising funds for the estimated 1.2 million Afghans who have fled to Pakistan. But their messages did have in common a certain urgency.

Said the professors at the NPC breakfast: "We don't say hope lies with this or that

country but there are areas of concentration. The Third World is our world and if they can't support us they are going to face what we are facing now. Believe it or not, if we don't stop them (the Russians) in Afghanistan, they are going to be on your doorsteps next."

Said Michener the night before, sipping a drink in a private downtown club after the Smithsonian lecture by French photographers Roland and Sabrina Michaud: "There is dreadful confusion in Iran and Iraq, in Lebanon and Syria. Enormous values are



AFGHANISTAN: a Mujahideen on guard up for grabs.

Michener's odyssey through Muslim lands took him 20 years, starting in Java, the extreme east, and gradually moving westward to Spain. He thinks he may have lived in more Muslim countries than any other American writer. His one great regret is that he never wrote in more depth about that world of Islam to which he devoted so much learning.

"I planned to several times," he says, then thinking perhaps of his 27 books adds, "I can't do everything."

As for Afghanistan's refusal to grant him re-entry, it was partly because *Caravans* had aroused some animosity, the scene of the woman being stoned being only vivid when recently, just across the border in Iran, it was repeated in real life — "just as I had described it." What did it tell him?

"That the problem of the mullah will be with us the rest of this century. Every country will have to grapple with it. Turkey did last week and other countries are disturbed about it but none of them is going to escape this ethical problem. If not watched carefully they will go the way of Iran."

How is it that Michener, one of America's most prolific writers, is such an expert on Afghanistan? He credits an education by good teachers who asked questions, a sense of adventure, a desire to know and go to out-of-the-way places. At this stage in his life, he knows it was a valuable course.

"It wasn't trivial or fruitless or accidental," he says.

The great travelers of the world have been German and English — they have made the significant studies, and only recently have the Americans followed — not many of them at that. But Michener is one and he attributes it all to a sense of obligation about seeing the world and looking into the deepest values of other people.

"I am not being ex post facto when I say I have known this for the last 30 years. I knew a novel about Israel was needed, about Spain, about South Africa. It's so obvious that there will be a million copies of this book (*Caravans*) in circulation."

Speaking with detachment, Michener says it's "very curious that I have been able to do what I have done, to write in so many fields without sensationalism, without sex, and to keep an enormous number of readers with



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me." If his readers are astonished at times at his output and fields of interest, Michener says he himself is mystified.

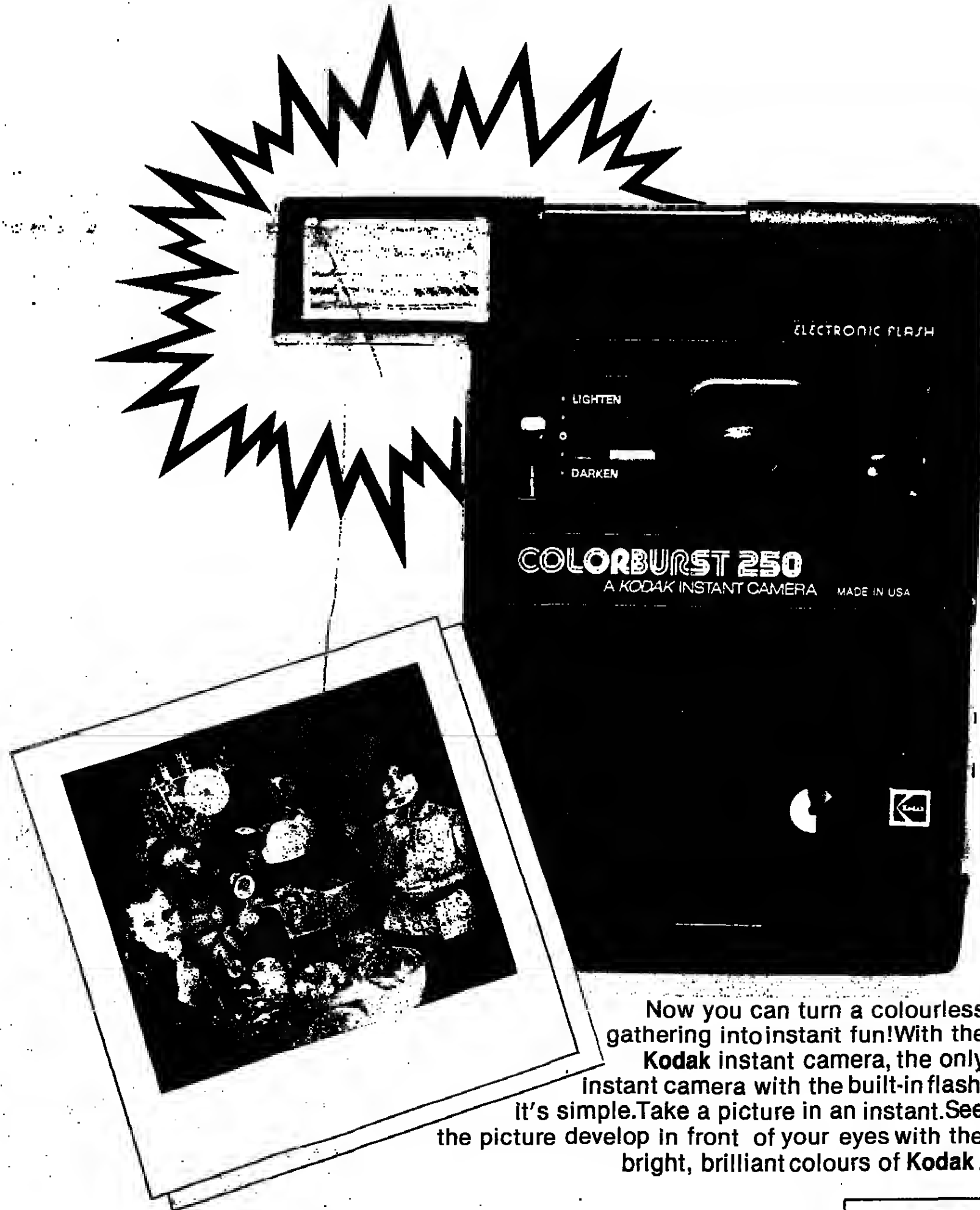
Still, when people like him and the Michauds "get into a field early, you know everybody, have a broad background of information and it's a tremendous part of your life."

What's missing today, he thinks, is a "cadre

of people, not like me but with my background and experience, to go out and learn the religions, the languages, the cultures of this world and then build upon them year after year so that ultimately they become enormously valuable to society. It's not happening and that's what worries me."

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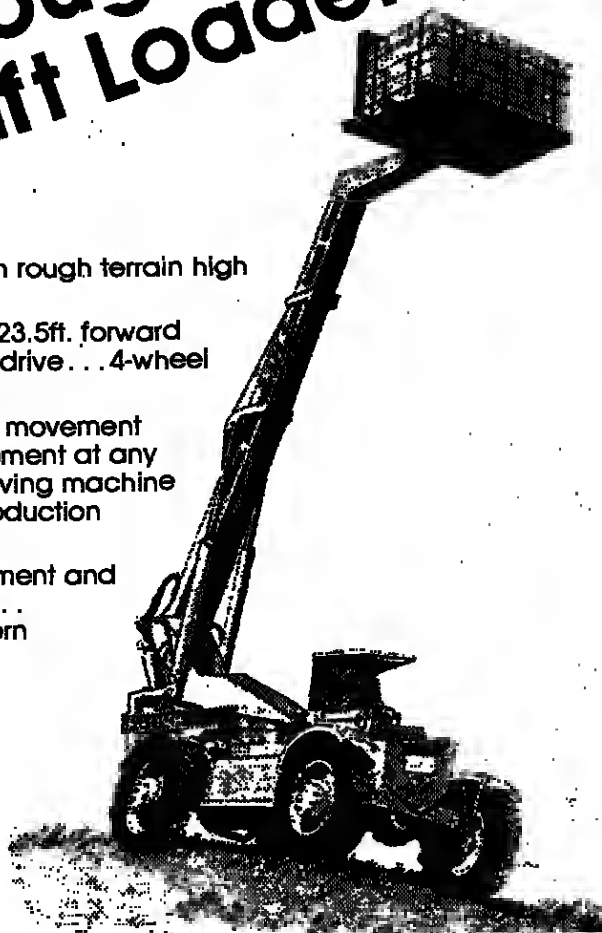
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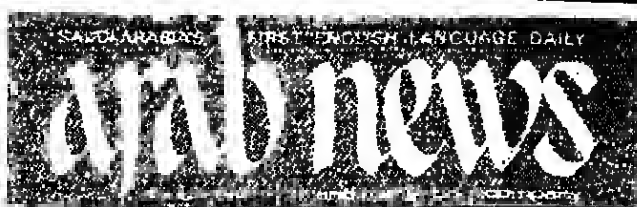
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Poland's two styles of leadership

By Mark Frankland

GDANSK.—

The Polish crisis has thrown up two kinds of leadership. There are the leaders of the new trade union, Solidarity, who talk to their followers and fellow countrymen with a simplicity and directness Poland has not known for a good many years. And there are also leaders within the Communist Party who saw the coming crisis before the strikes of July and August and who seem to realize the party must change its ways if it is to rule by consent and not by force.

The best place to see these two styles is the Baltic port of Gdansk where Solidarity was born during the August strikes that stopped almost all economic activity along Poland's northern coast. If you take the road from the center of Gdansk toward the resort town of Sopot you come to the Murski, once a cheap hotel and now the headquarters of Lech Walesa, Solidarity's leader. These have now spread to the top three floors of the hotel and also include a hall on the ground floor where there always seems to be a smoky meeting of some kind in progress.

It is not easy to find Walesa in his office because he is a man who does not like to stay still for long. Aptly, his name is close to the Polish word meaning "to roam".

Walesa's desk has no papers on it. There are no filing cabinets, just a cheap wooden wardrobe and a hand basin left over from hotel days. If he is in the mood to talk he sits in a cheap swivel chair behind the empty desk, turning from side to side and examining anything at hand — a cigarette lighter, a postcard — while he listens to questions.

He goes on talking despite interruptions from other Solidarity leaders who want him for more important business. His bodyguard, an elderly bruiser who fought in the wartime resistance and then did a few years in Soviet prison camps, answers the telephone. He looks up to find Walesa gone. "Leszek!" he shouts. "Where've you flown to? It's from the governor."

Tadeusz Fiszbach, the Communist Party leader in Gdansk, conducts his business somewhat differently. Party headquarters is in the center of the city, a few minutes away from the Lenin shipyard where the strike leaders set up their headquarters in the summer. It was attacked and partly burned by workers in the troubles of 1970 and now it looks like a fortress, with a roof that a helicopter can land on.

Inside it is somber, with heavy furnishings. Fiszbach's office is paneled in wood, and decorated with models of ships and a drawing of Lenin. There is a large modern chandelier though half its bulbs are not lit. Guests are offered drinks in glasses with the initials in gold of the Gdansk party committee.

Fiszbach is calm. He is 45, already a member of the Central Committee and likely to rise higher if the reform movement within the party continues. Bald, with heavy glasses and the strong features of a comic strip hero, you could mistake him for an American executive of the sort that jogs hard as he works.

The most important thing about Fiszbach is that in this city where Communists aren't much liked even Solidarity enthusiasts have something good to say about him. It's accepted that he tried to warn Warsaw, before the summer explosion, that the leadership's policies were wrong and dangerous. Apparently he lives modestly. There have been none of the charges against him of high-handedness and corruption that have been made against some other local party bosses.

At Solidarity they remember how Fiszbach was close to tears when he accompanied a deputy prime minister into the Lenin shipyard to start talks to end the August strike. The two men weren't allowed to drive into the yard. They had to get out at the gate and walk down what Solidarity called "the path of shame" — a narrow space through the crowd of angry workers.

Fiszbach today gives the impression of a man who is re-examining his basic ideas and beliefs. One can't doubt that he is a Communist believer and not, as a good many others a party member for the power and privilege it brings. But this isn't easy in a country that wouldn't vote a Communist government in free elections (something that can't be proved but one never hears seriously disputed). Fiszbach talks of democratizing the party. But he also says that "the people are waiting for a strong, wise party that will be their real representative."

Walesa, of course, says nothing of the kind. He doesn't pay much attention to political systems, capitalist or Communist. He just says that "each system should be human". He thanks capitalism pays too much attention to money getting: "being rich and comfortable is not good in the perspective of time". What he seems to dislike most about Communism is its atheism. "A man without religion is a dangerous man. I wouldn't be here if I didn't believe in God."

The philosophical gap between Fiszbach and Walesa is unbridgeable. But what forces them to work together is the knowledge that, as long as the Soviet Union wants Poland to have a Communist regime, they must get along as best they can.



Las Vegas counts cost of inferno

By William Scobie

LAS VEGAS —

The economic repercussions of the MGM Grand Hotel fire that left 84 dead and 500 injured continued to shudder through Las Vegas last month as insurers picked through the ruins and multi-million dollar damage suits rolled down on the shaken dynasty of Kirk Kerkorian. Cleaning up the monetary mess may take years. The gambling industry is Nevada's largest employer and its chief source of revenue; and it has suffered a blow, as Governor Babb List puts it, "grievous and deep."

Not deep enough, however — so industry analysts maintain — to put out for the count Kerkorian, the elusive, 63-year-old entrepreneur who controls MGM's hotel and film companies, and who two weeks ago, true to form, was nowhere to be seen or heard. Among those who were displeased with this

dynamic son of an Armenian grocer who rose to be one of America's wealthiest businessmen were:

The insurers: Searching the blackened hotel halls, company adjusters claimed to have found a devastating list of safety shortcomings in the Grand, built in 1973 for \$120 million and today valued at nearly \$250 million. They range from non-sprinkling sprinklers and non-sounding alarms to holes in the catwalk from which MGM spies peered down at casino gamblers. These may have aided the upward rush of smoke that killed most victims.

Mountain people of Laos settle in Rockies

By Evan L. Maxwell

early 1960s, Air America, the CIA's private airline, was the supply link that fed, clothed and armed Hmong warriors as they harassed first the Pathet Lao, then the North Vietnam-

He had become very self-conscious of it here and was becoming withdrawn."

Stratton, who himself had lost three fingers in a sawmill accident years before, was

"We are building for the future of our people in this country," Mua said. "We are teaching our people English, which is the key, and

"We have had Hmong kids lassoed off of bicycles and some serious beatings," she said.




HMONG: fought with the CIA against the communists


future, as more Hmong become able to compete in the tough job market of Missoula. "It is the biggest problem we face," Mua Cha said. "Sometimes there are not enough jobs for Americans — how can there be enough jobs for Hmong, as well?"

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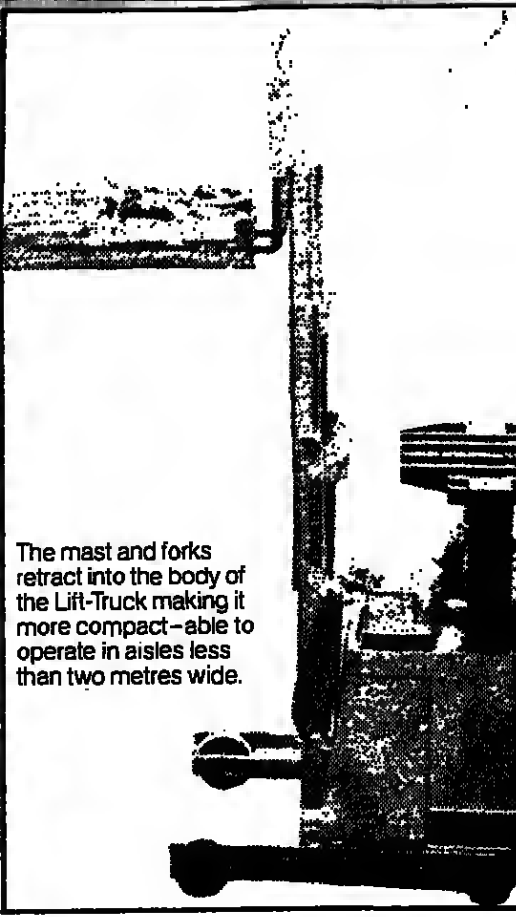
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Protestants condemn Thatcher moves

BELFAST, Dec. 10 (AP) — Leaders of Northern Ireland's one million Protestants have warned British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher they will wreck any moves she makes to build up the province's ties with the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

The hardliners were reacting to a surprise agreement Monday between Mrs. Thatcher and the republic's premier, Charles Haughey, to set up joint commissions to examine "possible new institutional links" between Britain and Ireland.

Neither prime minister spelled out exactly what the initiative involves. But Haughey hailed it as an "historic" breakthrough in improving relations between the two countries and said there are "no limits to what might be decided."

The Dublin accord followed the collapse of London's last initiative to find a political settlement to end more than 11 years of sectarian conflict in which more than 2,000 people have been killed.

That effort foundered on the Protestants' refusal to share power in the province with its 500,000-strong Catholic minority. Amid



Margaret Thatcher

growing tension, the Protestants — fearful of domination by the Catholics — charged the accord was a step toward forging constitutional links between the two Irelands.

Mrs. Thatcher declared that Protestants had "nothing to worry about," but the Rev. Ian Paisley, the Protestants' self-styled leader, warned they will take "whatever actions are necessary to thwart and destroy"

such ties.

Paisley, a member of the British Parliament, said that if Mrs. Thatcher "refuses them a hearing then their thunder will be heard in other ways." If Mrs. Thatcher ignored Protestant reaction, he added, "what she has seen before will only be like a Sunday school picnic to what she will see in the coming days."

Paisley was referring to Protestants' campaigns against British efforts to impose a political solution on the unruly province. Militants toppled a coalition administration of moderate Catholics and Protestants, engineered by London, in 1974 after it had been only five months in office.

The Dublin accord to fueled tension in the north mounting over a 44-day-old hunger strike by seven convicted Catholic guerrillas seeking political prisoner status.

Six belong to the Irish Republican Army Provisional Wing, and the seventh to the Irish National Liberation Army. Both groups are fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and reunite it with the Republic. Three "proven" women prisoned joined the hunger strike eight days ago.

Turnout reported heavy in Uganda parliamentary poll

KAMPALA, Dec. 10 (R) — Voters stood in line at polling stations Wednesday as Uganda held its first parliamentary election for 18 years. Officials said everything was going well and Radio Uganda broadcast reports from up-country areas saying there was a big turnout of voters.

Leaders of the four political parties, the Uganda People's Congress (UPC), the Democratic Party (DP), the Uganda Patriotic Movement (UPM) and the Conservative Party (CP) made final appeals to Ugandans to vote.

The UPC, led by former President Milton Obote, is regarded as most likely to win. It already has 17 seats, where its candidates were returned unopposed. There will be 126 elected seats in the new parliament.

Tanzania, which has about 10,000 troops in Uganda, indicated Wednesday that it believed the elections would be fair. An editorial in the government daily news said the ruling military commission had given assurances that the voting would be conducted freely and fairly.

"Since the liberation of the country from

dictatorship, there have been attempts to discredit the good intentions of the caretaker governments formed prior to the elections," it said. "We expect the people of Uganda to turn out and vote for the government of their choice and, firmly stand behind whatever party wins."

The ruling party newspaper *Uhuru Freedom* said that since Tanzanian troops and Ugandan exiles ousted Idi Amin last year some people had exaggerated the country's problems purposely "to disrupt the thinking of Ugandans so they would fail to hold elections."

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N. India strike backs policemen

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10 (AP) — A general strike called Tuesday by policemen and citizens protesting the suspension of 15 police officials accused of blinding suspected criminals paralyzed Monghyr town in the northern state of Bihar.

The United News of India reported that the day-long strike shut down schools, hospitals, shops, banks, government offices and transportation in Monghyr, located 360 kilometers northwest of Calcutta. No violence was reported.

All political parties in Bihar supported the Monghyr strike, the agency said. The police officials were suspended after newspapers broke the story that prisoners awaiting trial on criminal charges were deliberately blinded with needles and acid over the past year in a secret drive to halt an upsurge in crimes.

The report of the blindings quickly ballooned into a scandal and caused a furor in India's parliament. The state government admitted that at least 31 prisoners were blinded.

The police demand for reinstatement of the 15 suspended officials apparently has widespread public support in Bihar and police unions are threatening a statewide strike.

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French ties stressed

Levesque starts 7-day tour

PARIS, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Quebec Premier Rene Levesque left Montreal Wednesday for a week-long, high-profile visit to Belgium and France. In Brussels, Levesque is to meet with leaders of that country's French community and Roy Jenkins, outgoing president of the nine-nation European Economic Community.

Levesque, leader of the pro-independence Parti Quebecois, arrives Sunday in France where he is to meet once with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and twice with Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

The visit comes a time when a battle has broken out between Ottawa and Paris over the predominantly French-speaking province of Quebec's representation at a meeting in Dakar of Francophone foreign ministers. The meeting was scrapped when France refused to attend unless Quebec was allowed to lead its own delegation.

Yves Michaud, head of Quebec's permanent delegation in Paris, said that cultural questions are to be discussed during Levesque's visit but that economic issues and trade links between France and Quebec are key items. He declined to name specific economic issues of concern.

In recent years, French investors have been increasingly active in Canada's resource-rich western provinces. One Canadian observer here said that Quebec, like the federal government, is concerned about seeing if France's special relationship with Canada will translate into dollars and cents.

Quebec, which traditionally has one of Canada's highest unemployment rates, last

year exported about 200 million Canadian dollars worth of goods to France, the province's seventh largest foreign trading partner.

Levesque's official visit also follows closely on the heels of a low-key Paris stop-over by Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Although Trudeau's visit was billed as unofficial, the two are bound to be compared and French preparations for the Levesque visit resemble those for a head of state.

There is to be a dinner given by the French president, Levesque's inauguration of a square in central Paris as "Place du Quebec" and the bestowing of an honorary doctorate degree on the Quebec premier at Paris's Sorbonne University. In the past, the Sorbonne has awarded the same degree in five foreign heads of state, Michaud said.

\$6m inauguration to 'share' Reagan by satellite link

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (R) — President-elect Ronald Reagan plans to spend more than \$6 million on festivities to mark his inauguration, Reagan spokesman said.

The Reagan inaugural committee said Reagan wanted fireworks, balls and parades across the nation for his swearing-in on Jan. 20 — a contrast with Jimmy Carter's no-fills inauguration four years ago. The committee said Reagan wanted to associate as many people as possible with the celebration. Forty thousand people will attend eight events here and tens of thousands more are expected at a series of balls being held in up to 100 cities.

The nine-time Hollywood film star has called in a former director of academy Award shows to arrange a \$2 million satellite link-up so celebrity bands and performers at the Washington dances can be seen at the other balls.

"It's a big undertaking," said Robert Gray, co-chairman of the committee. "We are attempting to make it a shared inaugural for citizens all across the nation and not just for those who live in Washington."

A concert organized by singer Frank Sinatra on the eve of the inauguration will be televised. The performers will include Charlton Heston, Dean Martin, Ethel Merman and Donny Osmond. Ticket prices will range from \$150 for the more exclusive balls in Washington to \$10 a person for the dances with music relayed by satellite.

Bokassa to be tried

BANGUI, Central African Republic, Dec. 10 (AFP) — A court will try ousted Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa in absentia here on Dec. 19 and 20 on charges that include murder, malicious wounding and cannibalism, according to a document published here.

The trial of Bokassa, who will also face charges of receiving and concealing corpses, appears on a court list after a case against an ordinary citizen charged with theft.

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Ghanian 'magicians' hope for miracle

ACCRA, Ghana, Dec. 10 (LAT) — An accolade widely quoted here, supposedly bestowed by the Nigerians, refers to Ghanians as "10 million magicians." It is a comment frequently mentioned to outsiders, probably as a form of self-encouragement in a country where eggs can cost a dollar each and a chicken is worth \$25 — and thus has more value alive, as a sort of feathered currency, than it does in the pot.

The real currency of Ghana, the "cedi," is officially rated at 2.7 to the U.S. dollar, although the black market rate is closer to 15. The shelves of the supermarkets are empty except for odd items like cans of instant coffee, which few people in Ghana want in the first place. The two or three department stores that have remained open have little to sell except for some reason, a comparatively vast supply of foam-rubber sponges.

The outdoor marketplaces account for most of the rest of what is left of the retail economy, dealing in basic foodstuffs like yams, cassavas, plantains, oranges and tomatoes. It is said that if a product is also at all in Ghana, it will be sold by the tough, querulous women who run the market stalls, though it will rarely be sold at the price suggested by the government. When merchandise does arrive in stores where it must be sold at controlled prices, lines quickly form and much of the stuff finds its way within a day or two to the dusty, crowded marketplace, offered under the table at several times its original price.

Ask any Ghanaian. It is not a pretty business. And yet, with all this, here and there are scattered pockets of hope within this troubled country. It is usually faintly expressed and pinned on a government that is only one year old and all but over-whelmed — but it is hope.

Ghana did not arrive at its present state of affairs swiftly. It has taken the better part of

two decades, starting with the later days of the government of Kwame Nkrumah, who in 1957 led Ghana to independence, the first country in black Africa to free itself from colonial rule.

As the British pulled out, Nkrumah's name was hailed across the continent and even in the American civil rights movement. But as time passed, the once-electrifying leader sank steadily into suspicion and self-adulation, declaring himself president for life and the leader of the nation's only political party before he was deposed in 1966 while on a visit to Communist China. (Nkrumah died of cancer in 1972, having spent most of the intervening years in exile in Guinea.)

Things had mired sour during the last years of Nkrumah's presidency, but Ghanians had no idea how bad they could still get. What followed was a succession of governments headed by army officers, except for one 26-month period when an elected government held office — only to be toppled by another military coup.

The last one was led by a 32-year-old air force lieutenant, Jerry Rawlings, who took over on June 4, 1979. More or less to everyone's amazement, he handed over power, as he had promised, to an elected civilian government headed by President Hilla Limann, a career diplomat (who had also served with the overseas arm of Ghana's secret police), with little executive experience.

Generally, Ghana's changes of government have taken place with little or no bloodshed, giving further credence to the Third World adage that whoever controls the radio station also controls the country. In most cases, that is the way such changes were discovered by the citizens of the capital.

But the armed forces redemption council

Slavery common in Mauritania despite prohibition

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AFP) — The West African state of Mauritania still has 100,000 slaves and 300,000 part-slaves and ex-slaves out of a total population of roughly 950,000, a member of the Anti-Slavery Society has said here.

John Mercer, who has just completed an investigation into slavery in the former French colony, warned that this and discrimination against ex-slaves and blacks in the Senegal River area could spark a civil war. His comments came despite a decree on July 5 from the country's ruling military commis-

sion of national salvation officially ending slavery, which had been sanctioned since the country's independence from France in 1960.

"The master has total rights over the slave even to taking the slave's life without redress. Sale is still current, redemption is costly, escape is increasingly common," Mercer said.

An emancipation movement, El Hor, had been campaigning against slavery for several years and helping escaped slaves, but early this year its leaders had been imprisoned, "and for two months, subjected to degrading treatment," Mercer said.

led by Rawlings was different. After swift and secret military trials, three former heads of state and five senior military officers were executed by firing squad.

Rawlings was enormously popular in Ghana. His justification for the coup — that corruption had suffused the country — received wide support. But all these factors, including his own popularity, put special pressure on the civilian government that followed. Accordingly, one of its first moves was to muster Rawlings out of military service. One of the top concerns on the agenda of the new government had to do with its own self-confidence. "The new government," one Western diplomat said, "had to prove itself to itself."

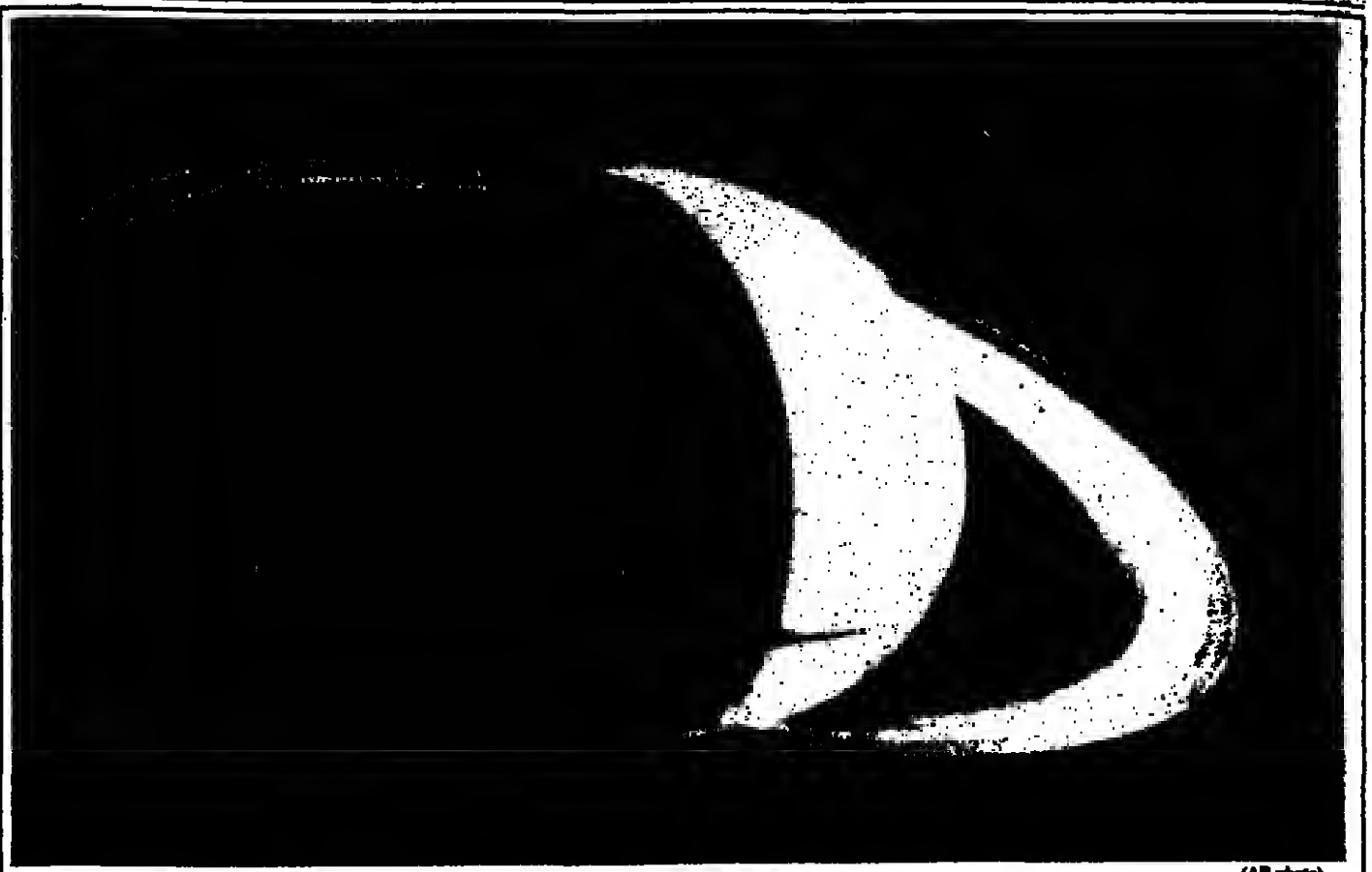
That was not — and is not — an easy process. The top layers of that government, consisting of Limann and his chief advisers, seem to realize that they are in a tight spot, but the best of them, according to careful observers, seem willing now to give their best efforts to the country's development.

"It is not as if we have inherited a piece of going machinery," Dr. Amon Nikoi, the finance minister, said. "No one can deny we have a difficult problem on our hands. Whether it's infrastructure, roads, education — whatever — we are saddled with tremendous burdens...one of the most important tasks of the government is to tell the people that these problems will not disappear. How do you get the potholes filled, the railways rehabilitated, the cocoa moved, the mines working — it's very difficult."

Nikoi, a man who has served eight years as an executive vice-president of the International Monetary Fund, said there would be scant opportunity for good cheer in Ghana in the near future. Not, at least, among people who have been hoping for a resurgence of middle-class economic security.

The government, Nikoi said, has appealed to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund with the primary goal of stirring government and industry to new levels of productivity. At the same time, Nikoi said, the government "can no longer subsidize the urban areas — the consumers and distributors of goods — at the expense of the farmers, the people who produce the goods."

Though Nikoi has not made these views widely known in Ghana, it is safe to say they would not be greeted with much warmth by the urban dwellers of the country, people who feel they have already borne the brunt of the sacrifices.



BACKWARD GLANCE: Saturn's shadow falls across its rings in a photo taken by Voyager 1 after the space probe traveled past it last month. The photo was transmitted when Voyager was 3.3 million miles from earth.

Acid test for military rulers

Turkey's oil woes subside, but inflation's up

ANKARA, Dec. 10 (R) — Turkey's military rulers, for whom the first snows recently heralded what could be a long, cold winter, have delivered some good news and some bad news to their economically hard-pressed nation.

The good news was that Iraq had resumed oil supplies to Turkey after a nine-week break caused by the Gulf conflict. The oil will come in handy when temperatures fall to minus 35 degrees Centigrade across the Anatolian Plains. The bad news was that inflation has taken an upward turn and that three-hour electricity cuts will occur every day this winter to save energy and therefore badly-needed cash.

The resumption of Iraqi crude through the land pipeline from Kirkuk to the Turkish Mediterranean, if it continues uninterrupted

despite the Gulf war, could ensure Turkey's oil needs for the winter, as well as providing some oil for export to other countries.

But the daily power cuts, which will stop bakeries, factories, cookers, and in some cases heating, are bound to weaken the popularity of the military regime.

The generals have been enjoying a honeymoon with the Turkish people since seizing power last Sept. 12 and silencing the hickering politicians who had helped polarize the nation between left and right. To succeed, the generals had to root out the political extremism which was claiming one victim every hour in the weeks before the coup, and ease the country's problem of debt, totaling some \$16 billion.

With the first, they have been successful,

arresting thousands of extremists, uncovering tens of thousands of weapons and reducing the political murder rate to less than one a day on average.

Now they are face-to-face with the economic crisis, and a winter as cold and full of shortages as last year could soon dim their other successes in people's memories.

The announcement of a 7.1 per cent monthly inflation rate for October, making a rate of 104 per cent over the past 12 months, showed that the junta's economic task will not be easy.

The generals have left it largely to Deputy Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, the one survivor of the ousted rightwing government of Suleyman Demirel, to haul the economy from the doldrums.

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Oil states urged to retain prices

PARIS, Dec. 10 (R) — The leading industrial countries Wednesday strongly urged oil producing countries to avoid any further increases in oil prices that could destroy prospects for early world economic recovery. In an appeal clearly aimed at next week's meeting of the oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Bali, Indonesia, the 21 ministers called for an early end to the war between Iraq and Iran.

Noting that the conflict had led to new uncertainties on future oil supplies and raised a "potentially severe" threat to the world economy, the IEA countries — including the United States, Japan, Canada and the members of the European Economic Community — promised a positive contribution in controlling world oil market. They also "wel-

Consumers to use coal, save oil

PARIS, Dec. 10 (R) — Major oil-consuming countries have been urged to step up their drive to save oil by using more coal. Experts of the International Energy Agency (IEA) warned ministers of the 21-member countries that on present performance governments would fail to reach their targets of doubling coal production and use by the end of the decade.

This objective was set by the United States and six other leading industrial countries at the Venice economic summit last June.

The IEA's coal industry advisory board, established in April, said Tuesday in its first report to the IEA ministerial conference: "prompt and positive action is required to accelerate the shift from oil to coal. If this does not happen, the goal for 1990 will not be met."

The board said coal-fired generating capacity in Western industrialized nations must increase significantly in the next 20 years from 350 billion watts at present to about 1,100 billion watts. The report contained recommendations to governments and experts for a coal action program designed to encourage investment and production.

comed" the efforts made by some OPEC countries, including Saudi Arabia, to maintain supply-demand balance by raising their crude output. The IEA ministers made these points in a communique released here.

Detailing their own contribution to market stability, the 21 consumer countries agreed that the overall world oil supply situation would remain manageable in the first quarter of 1981 because of high stock levels, declining consumption and additional output by some producers. "Industrial countries in the aggregate can manage adequate oil supplies to their economies by continuing to draw on stocks," the communique said.

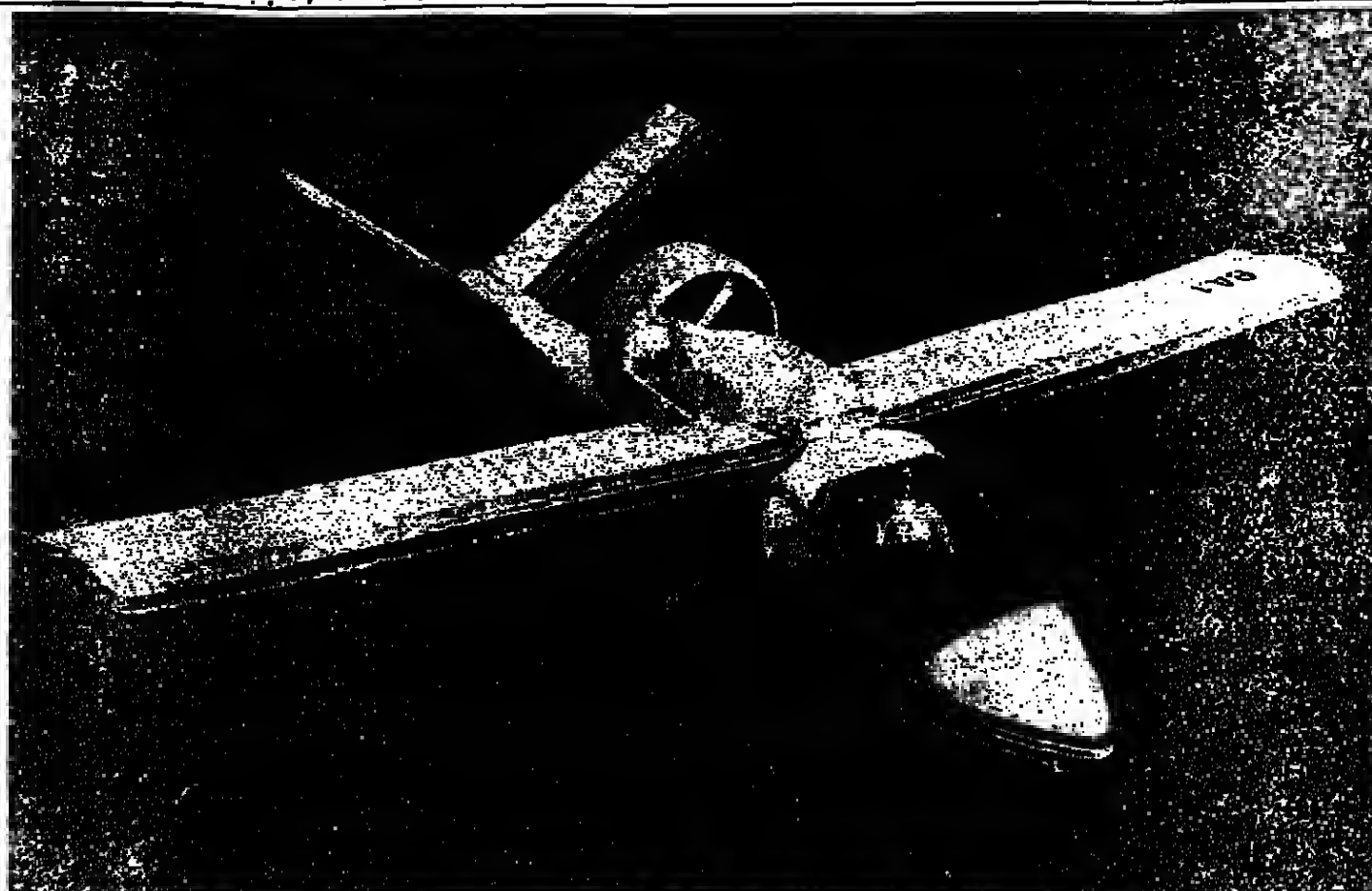
But there was still a need to "relax purchases which place unnecessary pressure on markets and prices, to keep oil consumption under control, and manage the imbalances which uneven distribution of stocks and of supply could produce." The ministers therefore agreed that IEA countries should continue drawing on their stocks to maintain supply-demand balance, and refrain from large oil purchases "at price levels which have the effect of increasing market pressures."

They also agreed to take steps to use oil more efficiently and replace it by other forms of energy whenever possible to further bring down oil consumption, which has so far this year been reduced by six per cent compared with 1979.

The overall result of these actions should be to reduce overall demand for imported oil in the first quarter of 1981 by 26 million tons to 238 million tons, compared with the initial requirement of 264 million tons, the communique said. Such a reduction would amount to 2.2 million barrels a day.

The ministers also laid down detailed procedures for evening out supply or stock imbalances between countries or companies. The communique stressed that allied countries would contribute to this commitment which would require a close monitoring of the market situation and close cooperation and consultation between the IEA secretariat, member governments and the oil companies.

In addition, the ministers agreed to meet "on short notice if this appears necessary." In an apparent concession to the United States the meeting also agreed to consider the "possible use of oil import ceilings" if further action were deemed necessary, according to procedures laid down last May.



LIGHT AIRCRAFT: This is a model of a new aircraft, the Brookfield BA1, which recently won a £2,000 prize for its British designer in an international light aircraft design competition launched by the Royal Aeronautical Society in London and sponsored by a group of British aviation organizations. Powered by a Rolls Royce Continental engine driving a ducted fan, the Brookfield will be a spacious two or four seat high wing, vectored tractor aeroplane with a tricycle undercarriage for the general light aviation market.

French trade with Japan 'insufficient'

PARIS, Dec. 10 (AFP) — French Prime Minister Raymond Barre has warned that "the need to resort to protectionist measures will become irresistible" if Japan and France do not set "a mechanism of orderly trade" and set up "indispensable" interim measures. Speaking at his Matignon residence to the Franco-Japanese bilateral commission Tuesday, the prime minister stressed that "nothing would be more devastating than a trade war between Western democracies" when they are at the mercy of "massive" energy cost increases.

Barre admitted that French sales to Japan have been "insufficiently developed for reasons connected with the behavior of French firms." But he added that Japanese non-tariff barriers — such as geographical distance and language and cultural differences — had significantly hindered French export efforts in fields such as pharmaceuticals and food products.

Karim says: Iraq could resume normal oil production in 3 months

KUWAIT, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Iraq could again be producing its maximum four million barrels of oil a day two or three months after the end of hostilities with Iran, Iraqi oil minister Tayeb Abdul Karim was reported said here as saying. He also said Tuesday that Iraq would press for an adjustment in oil rates at the Dec. 15 Bali meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Karim was speaking on the side of the organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) currently meeting here. Iraq would seek neither a freeze nor a big rise, but oil's purchasing power had been eroded by inflation and the fluctuations of the dollar, he said.

The minister said that Iraq was currently exporting about one million barrels a day via Turkey and Syria. The figure could be doubled in two months when pipeline technical troubles were put right. The pipeline to Syria, unused for a long period, was now handling

up to 350,000 barrels a day and its capacity was 1,300,000. Some damage to oil installations was repaired, in particular as the result of technical assistance from Saudi Arabia.

Karim said that the Gulf war was the main obstacle to exports. Iraq, the world's number two exporter, sent three million barrels abroad daily before the hostilities, and two-thirds of this went via the Gulf.

The Iraqi minister denied there was an amicable arrangement between Iraq and Iran allowing each country to resume oil shipments. He ruled out OPEC mediation, although both countries were members. OPEC was not the United Nations and the fighting had nothing to do with oil, he declared.

Referring to the capture of Iranian oil minister Javad Tondguyan Oct. 31, he said: "He is a prisoner of war like any other. He was not taken hostage in an Embassy." Karim added: "If Iraq wants him free it should respond to Iraq's ceasefire offer."

Tondguyan, said by Iran to have been tortured, was being treated "with humanity", the Iraqi minister also said.

In Tehran, there was no immediate reaction from Iranian officials to Karim's statements that Iraq could double its present exports of one million barrel a day within two months. But the chief of Iran's naval operations in the Gulf, Captain Madani-Nejad, said in an interview in the newspaper *Ettelaat* that Iraq could no longer export oil via the Gulf during the next five years because of the destruction of its naval installations.

Captain Madani-Nejad added that Iran would prevent any commercial vessel from entering Iraq's Gulf ports. Iran's military headquarters also said that the Iraqi oil ports of Al-Baker and Al-Ommich have again been bombed.

EEC fails to agree on farming issue

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10 (R) — European Common Market (EEC) farm ministers last Tuesday night listened to a 90-minute verbal onslaught from their Greek counterpart but failed to reach agreement over farming price subsidies when Greece joins the EEC next month.

"We are all punch-drunk," a senior British official commented after the tirade by Greek Farm Minister Athanasios Kanellopoulos against what he claimed was the unfair attitude of the EEC nine toward Greece.

Commission officials said the Greek minister presented in an unusually abrasive manner his country's demands for bigger subsidies on a wide range of farm products. Greece wants extra EEC price support for its olive oil producers, for sheepmeat, cereals and sugar, and the right to continue national subsidies to fruit and vegetable growers.

But the farm council, which was to have cleared up most of the final details concerning Greece's entry into the Common Market from Jan. 1, ended two days of talk by rejecting Greece's demands.

"He has put everybody's back up," one senior French official said of the Greek minister. The ministers agreed to meet again Dec. 18 to reopen negotiations. French farm minister Pierre Meunier said he hoped for progress then, after Kanellopoulos had gone back to discuss the negotiations with his government.

But "Meunier said if no agreement could be reached later this month, Greece would not be able to participate in the Community's farm policy when it becomes the 10th member of the EEC on Jan. 1.

At a preliminary discussion, the EEC ministers agreed to raise slightly their original offer on wheat price support, EEC sources said. But they refused to increase the amount of Greek sugar production which would get full EEC price support.

The EEC executive commission proposed the amount of Greek sugar getting full support should be 249,150 tons, but Greece insisted on a higher quota of 310,000 tons a year. This would match national consumption.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY

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| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 105.00 | — | — |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.78 | — | — |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 169.00 | 172.00 | 168.00 |
| Dutch Guilder (100) | 156.00 | — | 155.50 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.40 | 4.45 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | — | 89.00 | 90.80 |
| French Franc (100) | 73.00 | 74.00 | 72.95 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | — | 75.00 | — |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | — | 42.20 |
| Iranian Rial (1,000) | — | 9.50 | — |
| Iraqi Dinar | — | 36.00 | 36.00 |
| Italian Lira (1,000) | 16.00 | — | 16.10 |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | — | 11.03 | 10.80 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | 12.25 | 12.20 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 91.75 | 89.75 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | — | 83.00 | 81.70 |
| Pakistan Rupee (100) | — | — | 33.70 |
| Philippines Peso (100) | — | — | 44.50 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | 7.78 | 7.83 | 7.79 |
| Saudi Riyal (100) | — | 91.00 | 91.50 |
| Singapore Dollar | — | — | 1.54 |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000) | — | 44.50 | 45.70 |
| Swiss Franc (100) | 187.00 | 192.00 | 185.90 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 77.00 | 85.50 |
| Turkish Lira (1,000) | — | 44.00 | — |
| U.S. Dollar | 0.32 | 3.33 | 3.325 |
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| " " | Building a vocal library in Riyadh | 27/M | 1,500 | Jan. 20 |
| " " | Providing furniture and equipment for public libraries. | 23/T | 200 | Jan. 24 |
| " " | Providing furniture for the Directorate General for Museums. | 22/T | 200 | Jan. 17 |
| Medina Education Directorate | Fencing of historic sites | 42 | 500 | Jan. 10 |
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| 18. | Torm Helvig | Alsaada | Bulk Cement | 7.12.80 |
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| 22. | Char Hang | Abdulla | Contra/Steel/Gen. | 7.12.80 |
| 24. | Faro Gadie | O.C.E. | Fruits | 8.12.80 |
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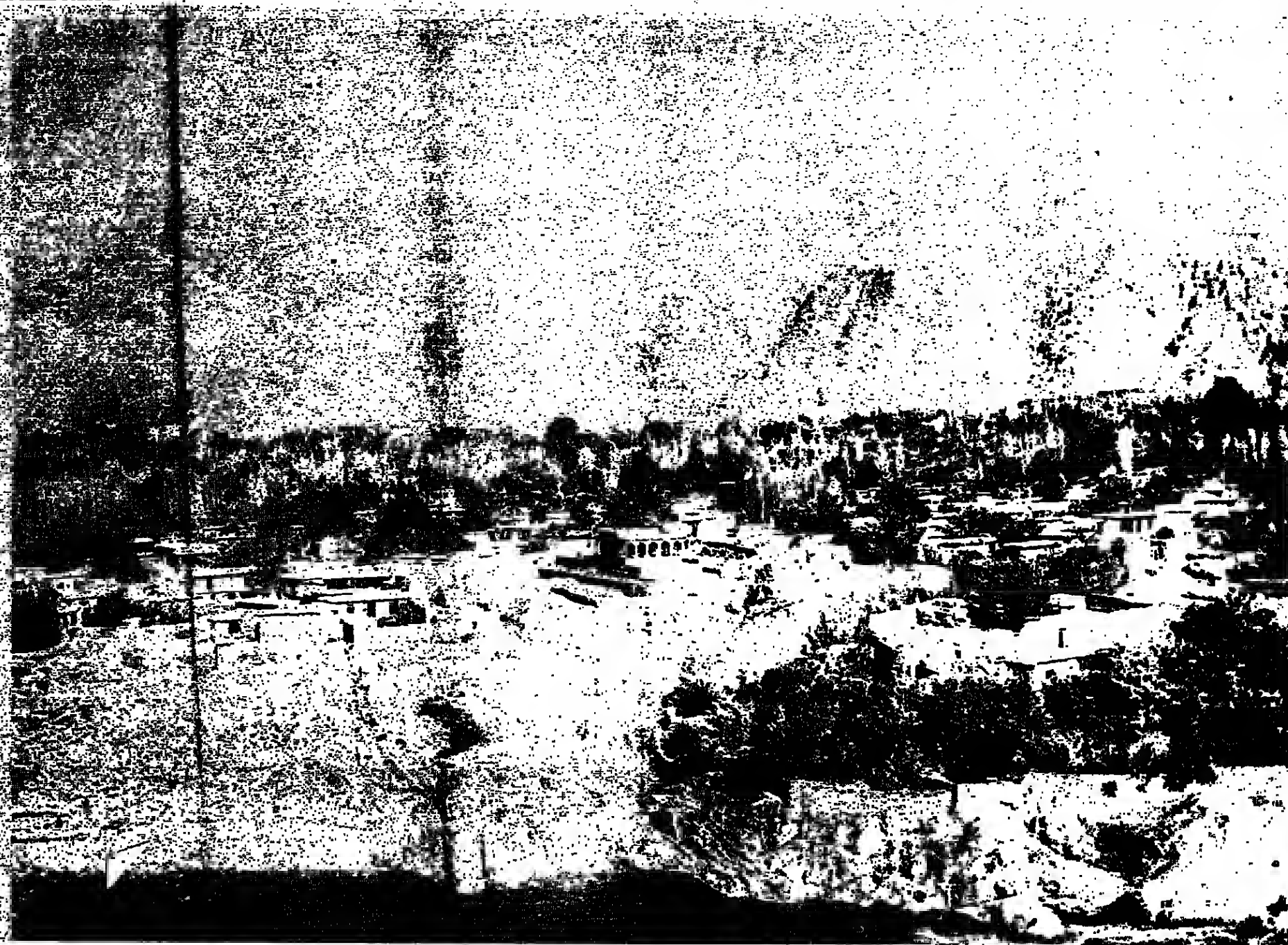
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Rugged land has fields and vineyards too

AFGHANISTAN : When the Russians invaded, many of the 15 million Afghans took to the hills to wage a guerrilla war. William Jenkins shows the people and the country as they were before the tanks rolled in.



FAIZABAD : the Northern provincial capital. The surrounding grain farmers were among the first to leave and fight the Soviets.



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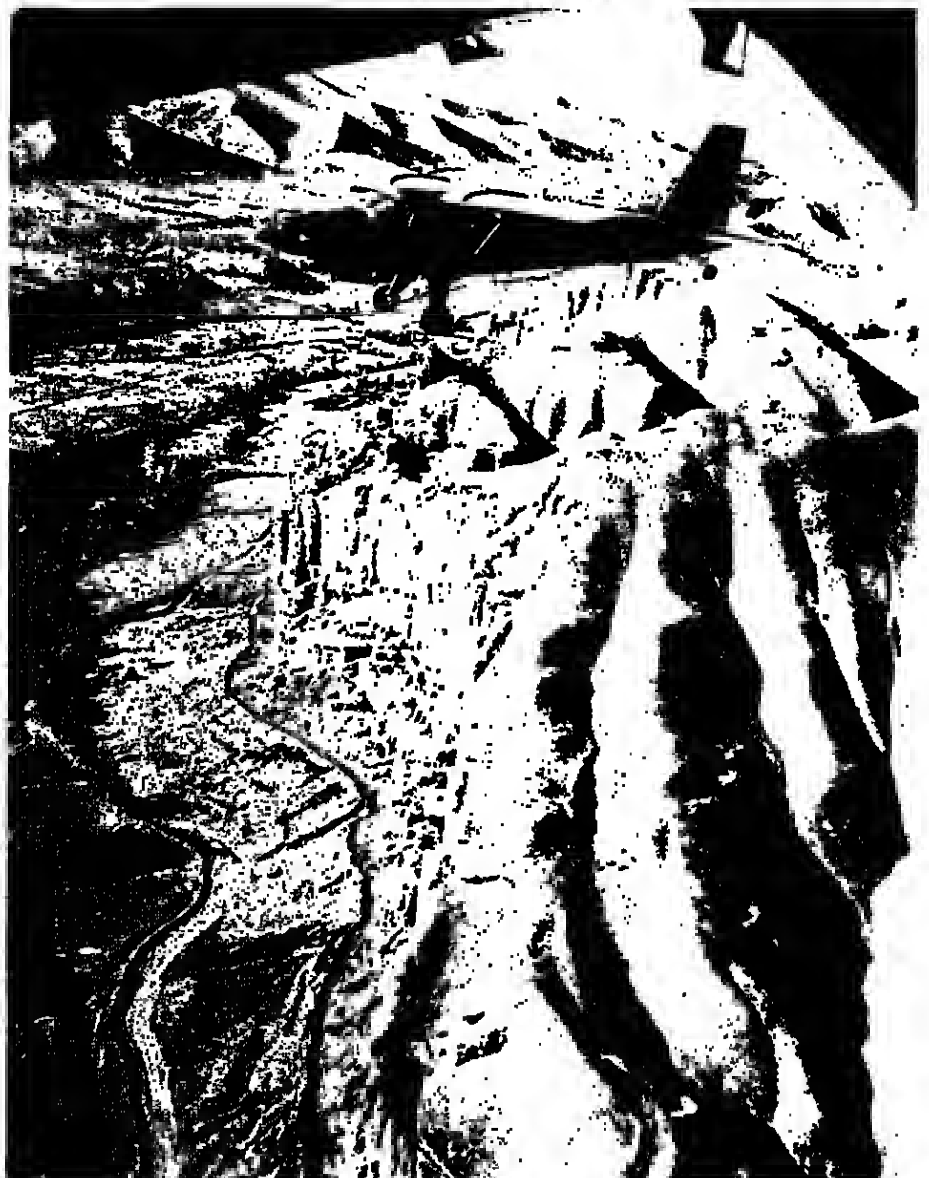
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FLYING : an aerial view of the Bamiyan valley



OLD-MAN : the Afghans speak Pushto or Farsi and are all Muslim

Edges New Zealand

India remains unbeaten

PERTH, Dec. 10 (AP) — India retained their unbeaten record in Benson and Hedges World Series cup matches when they beat New Zealand by five runs in a thrilling finish at the W.A.C.A. ground here Tuesday in a game dominated by bowlers.

When New Zealand's ninth wicket fell at 136 in the 46th over, India looked to set to win comfortably.

New Zealand needed another 27 runs, and that looked an impossible task for Warren Lees and Ewan Chatfield.

However a hectic last ditch stand took New Zealand to the brink of victory and the side needed nine runs to win as Roger Binny started the final over in fading light.

Chatfield scored a single off the second ball. A top edge to third man off the third ball brought Lees two runs and then Lees played the next ball straight to mid-on.

Requiring six for victory, Lees went for a big hit off the second to last delivery and skied the ball almost 200 meters towards mid-wicket where Dilip Vengsarkar held a

Uttley closes international rugby career

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Former England captain Roger Uttley announced today he was giving up international rugby union because of a troublesome back injury.

The 31-year-old wing forward, who was an important part of England's Five Nations Championship grand slam last season, however, is to continue playing club rugby with London side Wasps.

Uttley, who won his 23rd cap against Scotland earlier this year, missed the whole of the 1976 and the 1978 season through a back injury and a broken leg and missed out on the 1977 British Lions tour to New Zealand.

His place in the North of England to play the South-West in an English regional match at Birkenhead on Saturday goes to Laurie Connors of Waterloo.

After announcing his international retirement, Uttley said, "There were two real highlights in my career. The first was the trip to South Africa with the Lions in 1974 when I felt I was playing at my best."

"The second was last year when he won the grand slam. It was absolutely marvellous because it was what so many of us — Fran Cooton, Tony Neary included — had been striving for so long."

Meanwhile, on Tuesday Cambridge beat Oxford 13-9 in the 99th university rugby union match at Twickenham to level the overall score at 43-43 with 13 drawn.

fine catch to give India victory by five runs.

Meanwhile, in Faisalabad, a dismal performance by Pakistan's batsmen turned the scales in the West Indies favor on the second day of the second test match here Tuesday.

Paceman Sylvester Clarke supported by spinner Ranji Nannan dismissed Pakistan for a meager 176 runs to gain an important first innings lead of 99 runs.

By close of play the tourists had extended their lead to 58, reaching 29 in their second innings for the loss of opener Desmond Haynes.

Faod Bacchus was out 12 while night-watchman Colin Croft had yet to open his accounts.

Pakistan replying to West Indies first innings total of 235, never really recovered from the moment Clarke trapped Taslim Arif in front of the wicket on only the third delivery of the innings.

The only bright spot in an otherwise poor batting performance by the home side was the pugnacious 50 hit by skipper Javed Miandad.

Clarke, who started the slide finished with three for 28, Colin Croft captured two for 35, Malcolm Marshall two for 39.

The Pakistan batting lacked drive and character and the batsmen buckled under the pressure brought on by West Indian captain Lloyd who used his bowlers in brief spells to derive maximum advantage.

All the good work done by the home side spinners Monday was thrown to winds by the batsmen and the innings folded in just 260 minutes during the extended afternoon session.

If the West Indies can set Pakistan a target of 250 to 300 runs, on the evidence of the first innings and on a pitch which is rapidly deteriorating, the home side will struggle to win.

Hammersley makes return

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Jill Hammersley is likely to make her return to top-class table tennis in the European League match against the Soviet Union at Basingstoke on Wednesday.

The 28-year-old Hammersley, a former European champion, retired from the game six months ago, but has now decided to make a comeback and should boost England's chances of winning the league for the first time.

She traveled to the last match against Yugoslavia although she did not play, but team manager Peter Simpson is almost certain to give her an outing in this match since she has been laying well in hard spells of practice in recent weeks.



FLYING: A Motocross rider flies over a sand dune during one of the races in a previous meeting. Motocross fans will be getting more action of Friday.

EMA holds motocross meet

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — Motocross fans will be looking forward to this Friday (Dec. 12) when the EMA holds the last meeting of the year at their track on the Medina road, near the New Jeddah International Airport.

Starting at 1.00 p.m., the program offers a full range of events sure to keep the spectators entertained throughout the afternoon.

Heats will be held for all the events, which include junior and senior races in different classes of machines. The finals are expected to be around 5.00 p.m.

Riders who have already placed their entries, and new riders entering on the day, will be out by 11.00 a.m. to practice on the new half-time track, lent to the EMA by Ajeeb Transport Ltd.

As usual, the program will be a really international one with riders from at least eight countries expected to take part.

Refreshments and snacks will be available for spectators throughout the day. There is a SR5 entry charge.

The event has been co-sponsored by sev-

Yifter runs in London

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Ethiopian Miruts Yifter, double gold medalist at the Moscow Olympics, will be competing in an international athletics meet at Crystal Palace Saturday.

eral companies, including Iberia, Honda, Saudia Milk, AutoRam, and Bulmagne.

Cousins signs

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Robin Cousins, the Olympic and European ice skating champion, is to give regular advice and encouragement to children at Richmond Ice Rink.

Cousins has signed a two-year contract with the Richmond Rink so that, when he is in London, free from his professional ice skating duties, he will give tuition to young children of differing ability.

Richmond has more than 200 boys and girls taking lessons under coaching director Arnold Gerschwiler and Cousins hopes to make monthly appearances.

"I love working with kids," said Cousins Tuesday, "but I see myself more in the role of a motivator and adviser than in actually giving lessons."

"Many young skaters have the greater ability than people realise and I hope them on their way to a lot more complex and challenging routines," he added.

Cousins added "I'm not giving up professional ice skating as has been reported. In fact, I'm very busy at present and will be skating in the 'Holiday on Ice' show at Wembley for eleven weeks from December 19."

"But I hope to go to Richmond as often as possible, I would like to put something back into British ice skating."

Downs Mavericks

Jabbar leads L.A. win

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP) — The expansion Dallas Mavericks are learning what other teams in the National Basketball Association have known for years — when the game is on the line, there's no force in the league like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Los Angeles' 7-foot-2 center, who has won the NBA's most valuable player award six times in his brilliant 11-year career, scored 10 straight points late in the fourth quarter Tuesday night to carry the Lakers to a 101-92 victory over the Mavericks, who lost their 11th in a row.

Dallas had led for most of the game but was able to score just two points in the final 5:33. Abdul-Jabbar broke a 91-91 tie by hitting a hook shot, then sank two more sky hooks, and two free throws as the Lakers pulled away.

"We made too many mistakes in the stretch, said Dallas coach Dick Motta. The talent on the other team finally took hold. They went to the big guy, and he can really wear you down."

In other NBA games Tuesday night, the New York Knicks edged the Washington Bullets 107-104, the Phoenix Suns defeated Chicago Bulls 123-108, the Boston Celtics beat the Milwaukee Bucks 112-89, the Philadelphia 76ers topped the Cleveland Cavaliers 96-109, the San Antonio Spurs beat the Utah Jazz 115-90 and the Portland Trail Blazers downed the Seattle SuperSonics 111-98.

Abdul-Jabbar scored a game-high 29 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Los Angeles moved their record at 5-5 since guard Magic Johnson was injured.

"Dallas played admirably," said Lakers coach Paul Westhead, "but they seemed to tire at the end. We were not flat. When Dallas played hard, we had to play hard, but Kareem was fresh when I needed him."

The Lakers shot 40 per cent from the field to 40 per cent for Dallas and outrebounded the Mavs 49-44.

Ray Williams scored 15 of his career-high 42 points in the third quarter as New York built a 12-point lead and then held off a Washington rally.

Colombia hosts W.C. golf tourney

BOGOTA, Dec. 10 (R) — Almost 100 golfers tee off Thursday in the rarified atmosphere of Andean Colombia in the 28th World Cup Golf Competition.

The 7,517-yard (6,873-meter) Rincon de Cajica Club course near here, over which it will be played, is longer than most top-class circuits — it includes a 632-yard (578-meter) hole, the 16th — and is a par 72.

Designer Robert Trent Jones built it extra long to counter the effects of playing at over 2,500 meters (8,000 feet) above sea level, where the thin air adds 13 per cent more distance to shots.

"I had a crick in my neck and came to the Garden feeling sluggish," the 6-foot-2 guard said. "My wrist hurt and I felt funny because I needed sleep. But every time I have an injury, I seem to have a good game."

Truck Robinson scored 20 of his 40 points in the third quarter as Phoenix outscored Chicago 38-22 to take command. The Suns had trailed 94-52 at halftime.

Chicago coach Jerry Sloan was upset over the lack of defensive effort by his team. "It would have helped if somebody would have just stuck a hand in Robinson's face once in a while," he said.

Boston got its running game going in the third period and turned a five-point halftime deficit into an 81-74 lead, then pulled away in the fourth quarter. Frontcourtmens Robert Parish, Larry Bird and Cedric Maxwell combined for 24 points in the third-quarter surge that broke the game open.

Steve Mix scored all 10 of his points in the last six minutes of the game as the Sixers outscored Cleveland 14-3 down the stretch to win and raise their record to 26-4, best in the league.

San Antonio led 94-41 at halftime and was never in trouble as three-time NBA scoring champion George Gervin scored 33 points to steer the Spurs to a 115-90 win over Utah Jazz.

Coventry put Watford out

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Second Division Watford who had previously knocked out First Division opponents Southampton and Nottingham Forest, the European Champions, met their match Tuesday night, crashing 5-0 to Coventry City in a quarter final replay of the English League Cup.

"Now Coventry meet West Ham United in the two-leg semi-final in January. The other semi-final is between Liverpool and Manchester City."

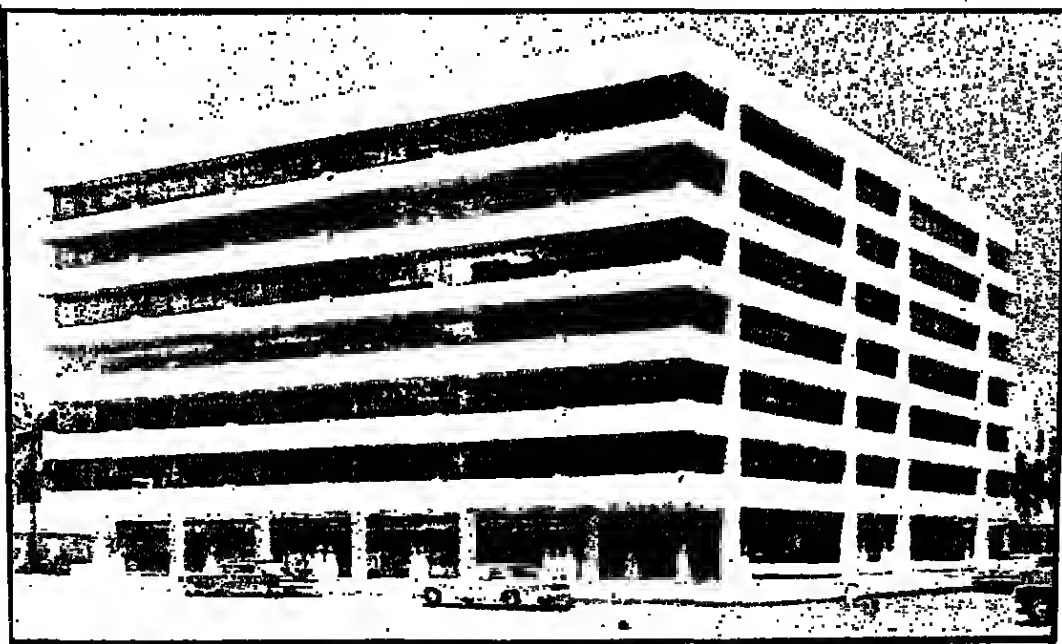
A 30,000 crowd saw Coventry completely dominate the play Tuesday building up a 3-0 lead by half-time against a defense containing two inexperienced 18-year-olds, Steve Terry and Ken Jackett.

Peter Bodak, Gary Thomson, Steve Hunt and Tony Hateley hit the winning goals.

Third Division Chesterfield clinched a place in the final of the Anglo-Scottish Cup against Second Division Notts County. A 1-1 home draw against fourth Division Bury took them through on a 3-2 aggregate before crowd of 6,400. All the Scottish clubs had been previously eliminated from the competition.

In an uninspiring performance from the Third Division promotion contenders, John Sirk put them ahead after 20 minutes, but Steve Johnson, who was booked in the first half, equalised midway through the second half.

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Sibson looks toward world title

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Tony Sibson will be pointed towards the World Middleweight title following his overwhelming seven rounds European Championship win at Royal Albert hall, London, Monday night.

But he will travel by a roundabout route. His manager, Sam Burns, hopes to take him to a title fight via wins over two former world champions Vito Antuoferno and Alan Minter.

"No one will doubt his qualifications if he beats these two and he will be getting valuable experience as well," said Burns.



John McEnroe at Wimbledon earlier this year.

McEnroe records challenge cup win

MONTREAL, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — American John McEnroe, a heavy favorite to win the \$320,000 World Championship Tennis Challenge cup, breezed to a victory over Poland's Wojtek Fibak 6-3, 6-1 as play began in the round tournament at the Maurice Richard Arena.

In the first match in the six-day event, Vijay Amritraj of India got past Romania's Ilie Nastase 6-3, 6-3. McEnroe, third in WCT computer ratings behind fellow American Jimmy Connors, came back from a 0-4 deficit in the fifth game of the first set and went on to win three of the next four games.

Five times in the first set the two players went to deuce and on each occasion the 21-year-old McEnroe was the winner. In the second set, McEnroe broke his opponent's service four times to record his easy victory.

With Connors out of the eight-player tournament because of a swollen ankle, McEnroe was almost certain to participate in the final Sunday.

Meanwhile, in New York Swede Bjorn Borg, who won Wimbledon this year for the fifth time in a row, and American Chris Evert-Lloyd, who won the U.S. Open for the

enough self-discipline and he used to eat too much, causing him self-inflicted weight trouble.

"Now he is back in Leicester where he is happy and the result was there for all to see Monday night. All he wants now is a bit more polish on his boxing," Burns likened Sibson to Rocky Graziano, a post-war American World Middleweight champion of great ability and color.

"He has the same charisma and the same attitude in the boxing ring. Above all he has the same left hook which is the best punch and, like Graziano, he can back it up with the right hand."

"I would like to pay tribute to Salvamino. I don't think many middleweights in the world have stood up the way he did."

Meanwhile, I shall take a long term view with Sibson, obviously, he is knocking on the door of the world championship, but first I shall try to get him Antuoferno and Minter. "Now that he has conquered the weight problem, I feel certain he will go all the way."

With Sibson's destructive performance on Tuesday night a match with the former world champion Minter has suddenly become the hottest domestic match since Dave Green V John Stracey. It would draw 200,000 pounds at Wembley, even without ancillaries.

Meanwhile, the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) has protested to the European and World organizations, which govern the sport, over the appointment of Bobby Neill, former British champion and a prominent figure in professional boxing, as coach to the Scottish Amateur Boxing Association (SABA).

Weightlifter bows out

ALMA ATA, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Former Olympic super-heavyweight champion Vassili Alexiev has decided not to take part in the Soviet Weightlifting Cup which started here Wednesday.

The 38-year-old multi-world record holder, indicated several weeks ago he would be taking part to prove that his failure to defend the Olympic title in the Moscow Olympics was merely an off-day.

Observers here said his decision not to take part, could mean Alexiev intended to retire from competition. Compatriot and another former Olympic champion, David Rigert, however, will be taking part in the 110 kgs plus category. The 33-year-old 1976 Olympic heavyweight champion was another Moscow Olympic failure and he is determined to re-establish his supremacy.



THAT SINKING FEELING: The Oxford trial boat Charles, coxed by a male skunk during a full trial course with the other Oxford boat. The full course trial was over the boat race course between Putney and Mortlake on the Thames. Here the crew prior to their rescue from the chilly Thames tries to figure out what went wrong.

Stenmark snows special slalom skiers

MADONNA Di Campiglio, Italy, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Ingemar Stenmark did here what everyone expected him to in his first World Cup Skiing race of the season. He won.

The double gold medal winner for Sweden at the Lake Placid Olympics and three time world cup champion (1976-1978) raced away to the fastest first leg of the special slalom here and then coasted in with a third-fastest second leg to easily achieve his 53rd world cup win, his 26th in the special, and how near notch closer to the overall record of 61 held by Anne Marie Moser-Proel of Austria.

As often happens early in the season, the snow was difficult. It was icy and less gripping than the snow at Lake Placid, which is famous for its ice, said Jacques Luethy of Switzerland.

But conditions were the same for everyone, and Stenmark, as usual, proved the class of the field. The 1979 and 1980 World Cup winners, Peter Luecher of Switzerland and Andreas Wenzel of Liechtenstein, didn't even make it past the first leg.

Another native of Liechtenstein, Paul Frommelt, placed second with the fastest second leg time, while Yugoslavia's Bojan Kriazj finished in third.

Toshi Hiro Kiwa of the eager Japanese contingent to the World cup managed to grab some points with a tie for 15th place while other Japanese finishers were reduced during competition from 105 to 35 were Osamu

Kodama (21) and Nanmine Iwaya (35). Wednesday was the men's first giant slalom of the season, with Stenmark now tied with Austrian Uli Spiess at the top of the standings.

L.A. Olympic effort praised

LOS ANGELES, California, Dec. 10 (AFP) — The 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, the first in recent times to be financed entirely through private enterprise rather than using public funds, could inaugurate a new era in the Olympic movement.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch told the organizing committee here today, "Your approach, which makes no appeal for public funding, is original. I am certain there will be no problems. In the past you have demonstrated you were capable of succeeding in what you undertook."

Samaranch, former Spanish Ambassador to Moscow elected IOC president in succession to Lord Killanin at the Moscow Games, was making his first visit to Los Angeles as IOC president.

"Your success in 1984 will be that of Los Angeles and the Olympic movement. I hope these games figure among the best in history," he told Mayor Tom Bradley and city councilors at a meeting in city hall. "A new era in the organization of the games is beginning here in the town of Los Angeles, site of

the 1932 games," he added.

Samaranch, accompanied by IOC Director Monique Berlioux, visited the competition sites with Organizing Committee President Peter Ueberroth.

Turnbull quits match

ADELAIDE, Dec. 10 (AFP) — Second seed Wendy Turnbull caused a shock here Wednesday when she withdrew from the South Australian Open Tennis Championships just before she was due to meet Hungarian Marie Finterova in the third round.

Turnbull, runner up in the Australian Open, and winner of the New South Wales Open on Sunday, said she had been hampered by a shoulder injury for almost three weeks.

Finterova will now meet young Australian Amanda Tobin in a quarter-final match. Fourth Seeded Pam Shriver of the United States may also be forced out of the championships Thursday because of a recurrence of a chronic shoulder injury. She is due to meet her doubles partner Betty Stove in the third round.

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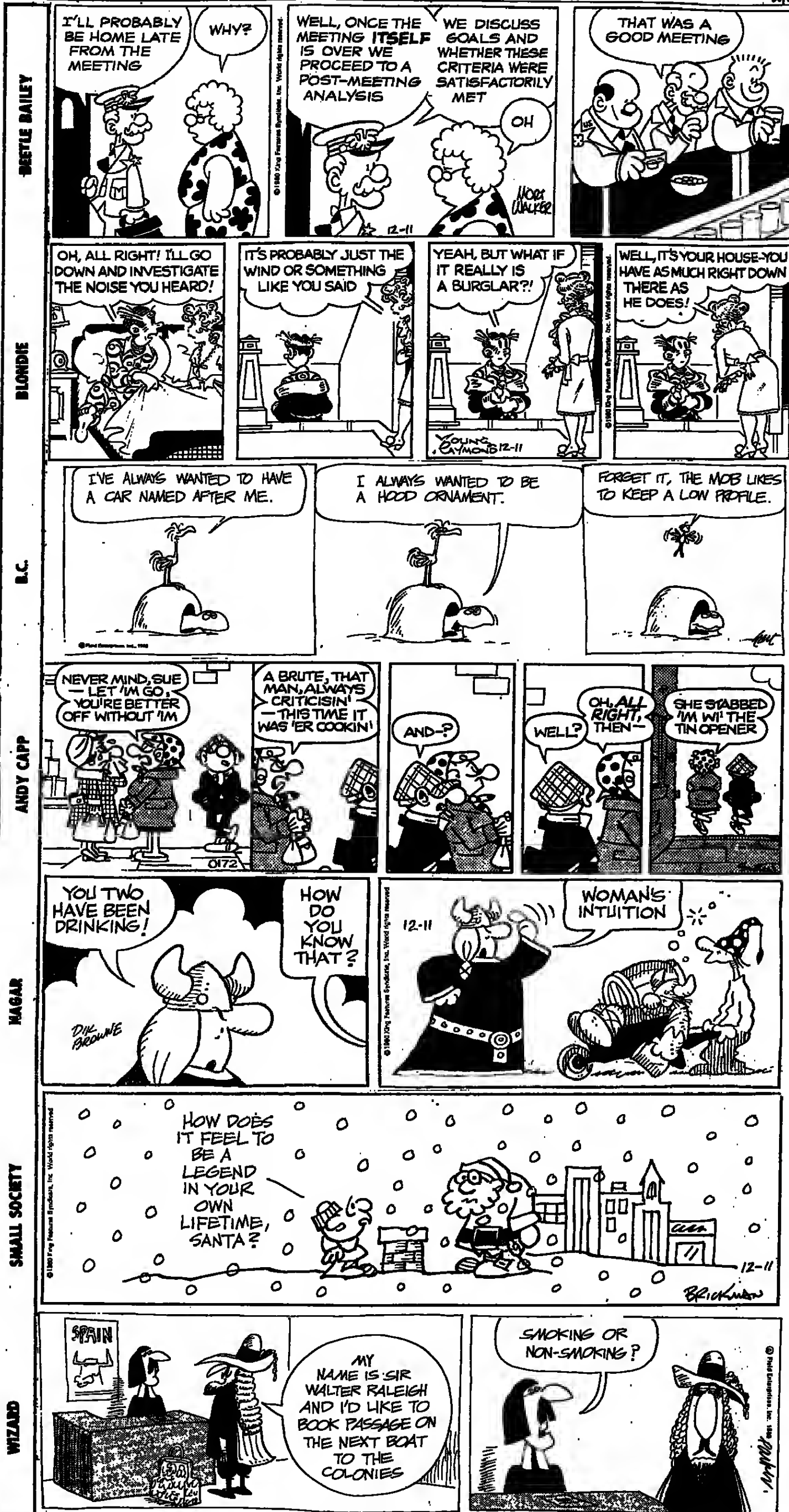
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9:00 News Summary
9:30 Music USA
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2:20 On Islam
2:30 Saving Ezz
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Islam The Divine Truth
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:50 Closures

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8:00 World News
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11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
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11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
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♥ 10 7
♦ A 9 8 6 5 3 2
♣ 8 3

WEST
♠ K 10 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ Q 4
♣ K Q J 10 9

EAST
♠ 9 7 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 8 4 3
♦ 7
♣ 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J
♥ A K J
♦ K J 10
♣ A 8 7 4

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Despite all the stories you may have heard about Sylvia's aberrations, the fact is that she was, in some hands, a truly worthy adversary. Sylvia had a stubborn streak in her nature, and if she thought her opponents wanted her to do something, she would resist fiercely on the pragmatic basis that anything good for her opponents was bad for her.

Here is a striking example of Sylvia's thinking. She was

playing as usual in the expert game and led a club against three notrump. Declarer ducked the king, as well as the queen, but won the next club with the ace as East discarded a low spade.

South observed that the diamonds were blocked and, in the hope of catching the singleton queen, led the king of diamonds at trick four. When the queen did not fall, South made the excellent play of the eight of clubs. He naturally thought Sylvia would cash both her clubs, and he planned to discard the ten of diamonds from his hand when Sylvia cashed her last club. He would thus be able to untangle the diamonds and so score the rest of the tricks.

But Sylvia eyed declarer's club play with profound suspicion. It seemed obvious that South wanted her to cash her fifth club and, being Sylvia, she firmly resisted the impulse. Instead, she returned the queen of diamonds!

This play knocked South clear out of the box. He could not duck the diamond because Sylvia would revert to clubs and put him down one. He was thus obliged to take the ace and try a spade finesse, which lost, permitting Sylvia to cash her fifth club and so add another triumph to her extraordinary collection.

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5:45 Film Music
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6:15 Press Review
6:20 Commentary

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Misunderstandings with friends can be straightened out. Attend to social obligations. Consult with travel agents.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Common sense aids you in financial negotiations. Hard work the key to career success. Expect a romantic interlude in the evening.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)
Take positive steps in children's education. Minor difficulties with close ties will be resolved by day's end. Be patient.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)
Be practical about home repairs. A parent or close tie stands by you. Winning and dining are accented in the evening hours.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Day may find you uncertain about romance. However, doubts are quickly alleviated with a warm talk. Entertain at home.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You're easily distracted in the a.m., but later you settle

down to accomplish a lot at work. Be considerate of close ties.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Make up your mind about what you want to do, then stick with it. Creative work and short visits are happily accented.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Postpone shopping tours until the p.m., when your judgment will be shrewd. Consult with family members about domestic projects.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
An old friend would appreciate a visit or call from you. Evening finds you articulate. Make important calls then. Enjoy romantic privacy.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Unseen factors affect financial judgments. Wait until the p.m. to make important decisions. Stick to the facts. Don't speculate.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A friend seems hard to pin down, but social life picks up later. One business colleague impresses you with his humanity.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You'll enjoy privacy now, but don't fritter away valuable time. Clear up unfinished business concerning bills and career interests.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

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4 Before Jack
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31 movement
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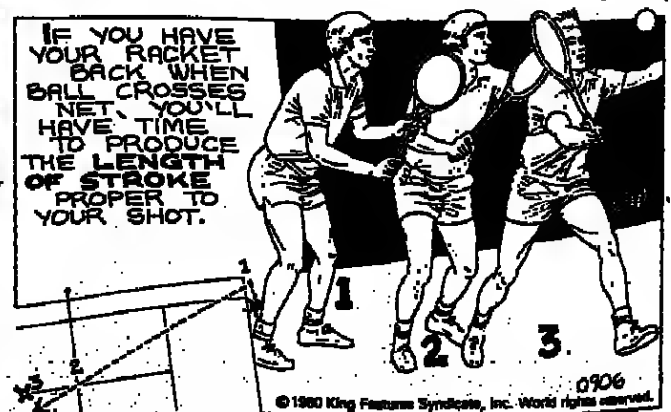
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In range of Poland

AWACS ordered to Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — The U.S. Defense Department has announced that the air force is sending four of its advanced Airborne Warning and Control (AWACS) planes to West Germany, putting them in a position to use their sophisticated radar to monitor Soviet movements in the Polish crisis.

The announcement confirmed earlier reports from sources in Brussels who said the AWACS aircraft were requested by Gen. Bernard Rogers, supreme allied commander for Europe. NATO defense ministers now meeting in Brussels approved that request, sources said.

The huge AWACS aircraft, each of which costs more than \$128 million, are equipped with radar that can "see" more than 320

kms. Therefore, if flown relatively close to the East German border, such planes could detect and monitor Soviet and East German military air activity and other moves.

The announcement stressed that the AWACS aircraft, officially called "senior," will take part in a training exercise with elements of the Atlantic alliance's air defense system in Europe.

Meanwhile, the Italian Communist Party, the most powerful in the West, came out firmly Wednesday against a Soviet intervention in Poland, hinting that it would break completely with the Eastern bloc in the event of such a move. The party timed a warning communique with the opening in Rome of talks between Soviet party representative

Vladimir Zagladin and Italian Communist leaders.

The statement said that the party had made "official approaches to the Warsaw Pact Communist parties to express the concern of Italian Communists over the situation in Poland." Italian Communist leaders stressed the "dangers from outside interference and the very grave consequences of a military intervention in that country."

The authoritative U.S. newspaper, the *Boston Globe*, reported Wednesday that as a result of three months of secret negotiations, the United States and its allies are prepared to invoke a series of tough economic and political sanctions if the Soviet Union launches an invasion.

High level U.S. State Department officials have been visiting European capitals every two weeks since Sept. 1 to coordinate specific contingency plans in the event of a massive Soviet crackdown in Poland, the *Globe* said. Similar discussions have been held with Japan, Australia and India, the paper said.

The NATO foreign ministers will reportedly focus on refining the plan at their current meeting.

Withheld trade and financial credits are the West's biggest retaliatory weapons, the *Globe* said. The newspaper said if the United States announced a total grain embargo and Canada and Australia joined in, Russia probably would have to have a massive slaughter of cattle and hogs and would need about four years to rebuild the depleted stocks.

Gang member manipulated news of rally

PEKING, Dec. 10 (AP) — Former Vice Premier Yao Wenyuan, one of the members of Communist China's "Gang of Four," admitted partial responsibility Wednesday for using the press to denounce a demonstration by 100,000 people opposed to the radicals headed by Jiang Qing, widow of Mao Tse-tung, Chinese sources said.

They said Yao confessed to some charges and tried to evade others by using "crafty arguments." Details of his testimony were not immediately known.

Two former officials of the *People's Daily*, the Communist Party newspaper, testified against Yao at Wednesday's court session, the Chinese sources said. They said Lu Ying, the paper's former editor-in-chief, and another former news official, testified that Yao used China's premier newspaper in a campaign against the demonstrators who gathered in Peking's Tian an Men square on April 5, 1968.

Envoy in Salvador criticizes Reaganites

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 10 (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Robert White says U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan's transition team undermined his ability to deal with the situation in El Salvador by saying he would be fired because he supported drastic economic reforms in the violence-torn country.

"When the headlines in El Salvador two days running are that the U.S. ambassador is being replaced, that clearly becomes a problem. One doesn't have the same influence as one usually might have. This idea of putting out there the effect of undermining your ability to influence events," White said in an interview.

White's name was on a list of ambassadors the Reagan transition team nominated for replacement because of their advocacy of human rights in the countries to which they were assigned. The list accompanied a report recommending that the new administration curb the influence of human rights advocates on U.S. foreign policy.

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interest problems under strict federal ethics regulations that are now in effect for the first time. Wriston's prominent banking career, and his role in a company that had complex dealings with foreign countries, including Iran, could pose difficulties under the new ethics law, sources said.

For the past week, Reagan has worked in near isolation at his Los Angeles home, trying to sort out the cabinet appointments. The selection process has become so complex and sensitive that vice president-elect George Bush and other Reagan aides last week visited the White House situation room to make a long telephone call to Reagan over a secure line.

Some transition sources believe Reagan may try to resolve the secretary of state appointment by appealing to his long-time friend, former Treasury Secretary George Shultz, to take the job. Shultz, who is now president of Bechtel Corp., said last month he was not interested in a cabinet slot, but political observers believe he could reconsider if Reagan makes a personal appeal.

Both Shultz and Weinberger are regarded as sympathetic toward the Arab world.



TOGETHER: Beatle John Lennon, second from left, poses with the other members of the rock group prior to their split in 1971. The other Beatles are, from left, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison.

Suspect under guard

Lennon fans keep vigil

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP) — While hundreds of fans still stood in mourning in the rain outside John Lennon's Manhattan apartment, officials were keeping a "suicide watch" Wednesday on the man charged with gunning him down.

Mark David Chapman was sent Tuesday to Bellevue Hospital for psychiatric observation after entering on plea to a second-degree murder charge in Manhattan criminal court.

Warning that Chapman had twice attempted suicide and had been placed in mental hospitals both times, his court-appointed lawyer requested the psychiatric examination and careful surveillance. Detectives were uncertain about a possible motive for the Monday night slaying. However, a police source reported that Chapman, who had no arrest record, had said he was upset over the buried fashion in which the former Beatle had autographed a new record album hours before the shooting.

Bitter ironies compounded the sadness of mourning fans and brought expressions of shock from world leaders as more information surfaced about the shooting suspect and about Lennon's recent interviews. Only days before, Lennon, 40, said in a BBC interview that he enjoyed living in New York because he felt safe.

"I can go to movies or restaurants," Lennon said. "When I started walking out, I was worried that people might want to speak to me or jump on me ... they might ask for an autograph, but people don't bully you." The alleged killer was an autograph hound, described by his lawyer as a "fan of Lennon's" since he was 10. Chapman, waiting outside the luxury Dakota apartment building as Lennon headed for a recording session, approached him, got his signature and even

was photographed with his idol.

Around the world newspapers printed special editions, radio stations played Beatles and Lennon music non-stop, record stores were inundated by fans and condolences poured in from government dignitaries.

President Jimmy Carter said Lennon "helped create the music and the mood of our time. His spirit, the spirit of the Beatles — brash and earnest, ironic and idealistic all at once ... captured the imagination of the world." President-elect Ronald Reagan said "we have to find an answer" to stop such violence.

Outside the Dakota, where Lennon had lived with his wife, Yoko Ono and their 5-year-old son, Sean, fans of all ages maintained a vigil that began minutes after the shooting.

The Dakota's wrought-iron gate was covered with flowers, cards and pictures. Some fans cried and others sang refrains from such Lennon songs as "Imagine" or "Give Peace a Chance."

A distraught Miss Ono said there would be no funeral for her husband but said she was planning for a public, silent vigil at a date to be announced later.

Lennon, who had amassed a fortune estimated at up to \$250 million, died of hemorrhaging and the shock of bleeding, said medical examiner Dr. Elliot Gross.

The shooting occurred at 10:50 p.m. Monday as Lennon and Miss Ono returned home after a recording session. Police said the 25-year-old suspect from Honolulu had been standing in the shadows near the Dakota gate.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazem

A strange, strange world — and so always, alas, happy strangers.

I read recently about the unlucky head official in China who was executed for corruption. The man was unlucky in many ways. The crime itself took place at fifteen years ago. And the original verdict against him involved no more than a term of imprisonment. He was not enough to appeal. And the appeal court agreed with him that the decision was wrong. But where it differed was in the direction of the mistake. He thought the lower court was too harsh. The appeal court thought it was too lenient. Remarkable appeal upheld but prisoner shot.

And there was the case of a woman movie photographer who worked on the famous *Jaws* film (there were two as I know). She went swimming one day and a big fish came and gave her a bite. But it wasn't a shark. It was a fish which scarcely had attacked a human being before. A fish, so the experts said, which was a model in proper behavior to that point. Speculation was that the gentle fish recognized the woman and decided to avenge the insults she had heaped upon all fish-kind through the nasty films she helped make.

While the first attack took place in the States, in Italy a certain man of 71 reached the end of his tether with his wife. The background to the incident is obscure. The woman died under his violent assault. Yet strain as he could, was not able to get away from the scene of the crime. The neighbors came in and saw what happened and called the police to arrest him. The reason he couldn't get away was that his wife, whose weight was over 100 kilograms, fell over him as he struck her, and died there and then, and there was no way he could free himself from such a load.

Translated from Ashraf Al Ayman

Viets bound for U.S.

BANGKOK, Dec. 10 (AP) — A exodus from post-war Vietnam begins a chapter Thursday with the arrival here by of 258 refugees destined for resettlement in the United States.

They will be coming by scheduled flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok under "orderly departure program" agreed to Vietnam 18 months ago under international pressure to halt the flood of "boat people" but since bogged down in red tape.

U.S. officials told newsmen that 230 Vietnamese were due to take the same flight on Dec. 18 and 25. The departures follow agreement between the U.S. and Vietnam with the United Nations as go-between on list on about 1,700 candidates for resettlement.



WESTERN FRONT: Helmeted Iranian soldiers sit in a foxhole as the sun sets over nearby Iraq. Artillery duels continue in the area.

Paratroopers battle in Iran

BEIRUT, Dec. 10 (AP) — Iran and Iraq traded paratroop assaults in the foothills of the Zagros mountain range Wednesday as waves of helicopter gunships rocketed cities and artillery positions in Iran's embattled southwestern oil province of Khuzistan, war communiques reported.

Iran's gunboats mounted a two-day attack on an Iraqi island in the disputed Shatt Al-Arab waterway, destroying a bridge linking it with the Iraqi mainland in an attempt to ease the pressure in Iran's besieged oil refining city of Abadan, Iran's Pars news agency reported.

Pars said several artillery positions on Um Al-Rasas (mother of bullets) island at the mouth of the Karun river 16 kilometers north of Abadan were destroyed in the naval offensive on the 80th day of the Iran-Iraq war.

Iran's long-range guns have been pounding Abadan daily from Um Al-Rasas. The naval action followed an Iraqi claim that 420 Iranian troops were killed in an ill-fated counter-attack on the hard-pressed garrison of Abadan staged on Monday to break an Iraqi siege of the city that housed one of the world's largest oil refineries.

Iraq's renewed helicopter gunship raids on Abadan's burning refinery came hard at the heels of renewed Iranian air raids on Kirkuk, the nerve center of Iraq's oil industry, which has just resumed oil exports by pipeline to Mediterranean terminals in neighboring Turkey and Syria.

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Dollar value up, gold prices fall in tense trading

LONDON, Dec. 10 (R) — The dollar soared, the West German mark sank and gold dropped to its lowest level for more than five months Wednesday as world markets reacted to high U.S. interest rates and anxiety over Poland.

For a short while, the dollar passed the psychologically important two-mark level on the Frankfurt foreign exchange market. It was the first time it had risen to this extent against the traditionally strong mark in more than two years. The dollar later traded at 1.9988 marks, after 1.9820 Tuesday.

Gold fell below the \$600 an ounce level above which it had stayed for most of the year. It traded in Europe at around \$592.50 a level to which it descended briefly last June.

Dealers reported that people were switching their investments away from marks, because of fears over the Polish situation and West Germany's proximity to Poland. West Germany, with comparatively low annual inflation of just over five per cent, also has low interest rates which make the mark less attractive to foreign currency holders. The Bundesbank (central bank) interest rate is only 7.5 per cent.

Major U.S. banks have raised prime lending rates to 19 per cent from 11 per cent in the past five months, as apparent U.S. recovery from recession turns into concern about a possible new burst of inflation, and the authorities tighten up on credit.

With U.S. interest rates almost as high as the record 20 per cent level of last April, the attractive returns offered by the dollar to investors have outweighed the fact that gold bullion looks safe in times of international anxiety. Gold hit \$721 at the start of the Gulf war in September, and concern over Iran and Afghanistan helped it rise to its highest ever at \$875 last January.

Gold's fall this week also affected other metals such as silver and copper which declined on European markets. Unlike most major currencies, the pound sterling stayed fairly firm against the dollar Wednesday at around \$2.3365.

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